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Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

Your letter dated April 18, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiry, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not issue clearances or nonclearances.

The FBI has issued, from time to time, various statements and items of literature concerning the growing menace of communism to this country. I am enclosing some of this material which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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ATTENTION: SAC, BIRMINGHAM

Enclosed is a copy of correspondent's communication. Bufiles contain no identifiable information concerning the correspondent.

Information concerning the John Birch Society is contained in SAC Letter 60-5.

The following items of literature were sent to the correspondent:

1. Statement of Director Concerning the 17th National Convention, Communist Party, USA, December 10-13, 1959.
2. "Communist 'New Look.'"
3. "Breaking the Communist Spell."
4. "God and Country or Communism?"
5. "Where do We Stand Today with Communism in the United States?"
6. "Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion."
7. "How to Beat Communism."
8. "Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality."

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent requests information concerning the John Birch Society and asks if it is the type of organization to join and support.

The John Birch Society was founded by Robert H. W. Welch, Jr., of Belmont, Massachusetts, in December, 1958, at Indianapolis, Indiana. It is allegedly an anticommunist organization having branches in various parts of the country. Welch has been critical of President Eisenhower and his administration. The above SAC Letter calls this organization to the attention of the field and instructs that any information received concerning its activities should be promptly furnished the Bureau.

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Fed. Bureau of Investigation
Wash. D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover,

I have recently been approached by a member of The John Birch Society (Belmont 78, Mass.) and asked to read some literature printed by the Society, all with the idea I may become interested and seek further information as to its work and goals and possible ultimate membership. It is my understanding that this organization is seeking ways to alarm the American population as to the Communist menace in this country. I would greatly appreciate it if you could tell me just what type of organization this Society actually is, that is, according to the information you have at your disposal. Is it, or is it not, something to join and support? Does it pass the Bureau's qualification of a organization that is of merit along the lines I have mentioned above?

Thank you very much for the above information. I believe your information can be of great assistance to me. Incidentally, if the above Society does not meet the Bureau's standards, again along the lines of the above paragraph, are there any that do?

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Mr. DeLoach
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Mr. Callahan
Mr. Malone
Mr. Tamm
Mr. McGuire
Mr. Trotter
Mr. Clayton
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✓ Mr. Tolson
✓ Mr. Mohr
✓ Mr. Parsons
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Note and Return

Clyde Tolson

United States Senate

MEMORANDUM

For your information.



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bcc: Robert Finch

April 7, 1960

Dear [redacted]

Apropos of your request for information regarding the John Birch Society, it is under the direction of a man named Robert Welch who is the founder of the Society.

Mrs. [redacted] attended a recent meeting as an observer and was quite disturbed by the anti-Nixon attitude. About forty persons were present, and one of the leaders is Mrs. [redacted] of Pasadena whose husband is active on the Los Angeles County Central Committee. All in attendance received a book entitled "Blue Book of the John Birch Society" which contains three pages of derogatory material about the Vice President. They also circulated petitions against "Summit Entanglement".

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They claim they have formed fifteen new groups of the organization in the area, and many of the women present at the meeting were most vociferous in their denunciation of Dick Nixon for his stand on the Connally Amendment. I am enclosing additional copies of the material circulated.

I trust that this information will be helpful to you and I am also keeping Dick advised.

With kind regards,

Cordially,

Patrick J. Hillings

[redacted]
Wright, Wright, Goldwater & Wright
111 West Seventh Street
Los Angeles, California

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JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

Belmont 78, Massachusetts

February 11, 1960

Founder
ROBERT WELCH

The Church

N. E. ANAMON, JR.
THOMAS J. ANDERSON
T. FREDERIC ANDREWS
JOHN T. BRADY
SPRUILL E. BRADEN
LAURENCE E. BUNKER
RALPH E. DAVIS
S. M. DRASKOVICH
W. J. GREDE
A. G. HEINJOHN, JR.
GRANVILLE F. KNIGHT
FRED C. KOCH
ALFRED KORNBERG
CLARENCE MARION
FRANK E. MASLAND, JR.
W. B. McMILLAN
ADOLPHUS MENKES
RAYMOND P. OLIVER
COLA G. PARKER
LOUIS RUTHERFURD
JAMES SIMPSON, JR.
ROBERT W. STODDARD
FERNST G. SWIGERT

Since you were invited to the two-day meeting at the Wilshire Country Club on December 10 and 11, but were unable to attend, we are hopeful that perhaps our next meeting in the Los Angeles area can be fitted into your schedule. We are, therefore, extending to you this new invitation; and for your convenience we are simply repeating the explanatory paragraphs of our earlier one.

On December 8 and 9, 1958, a small group of men from different parts of the country met with me in Indianapolis. Several of them were men as really busy and crowded for time as can be found anywhere in the United States. So you can be sure I would not have asked them to give up two whole days plus travel time if I had not felt that the reasons were worth while. And the same reasons prompt this letter to yourself.

As a result of the Indianapolis meeting a movement was started which is now growing very rapidly in many states. Because there is no easy formula or simple program for turning back the forces of evil which endanger all that we have inherited, it really does take two full days to explain — with desirable discussion breaks — the background, methods, and purposes of our effort. But we can promise that you will not be bored. Enclosed with this letter is a memorandum giving some comments from a number of our country's leading industrialists and scholars (including three recent presidents of the National Association of Manufacturers), who have attended those small two-day meetings. And eight of the men on that list have heard the whole presentation twice.

This presentation is one integrated story, with each part depending on all of the other parts; and those who have heard it agree that there is no way it can be condensed further without serious loss of value. It will be given again at the Statler Hotel in Los Angeles, on Saturday and Sunday, February 27 and 28; beginning at nine o'clock sharp Saturday morning and finishing about

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five o'clock Sunday afternoon. You are hereby cordially invited to that meeting.

You will be my guest for luncheons on both days. (There will be no evening session.) You will be in excellent company (This invitation is not transferable). There will be no charge, no solicitation, and no obligation. There will be no publicity, as our whole objective is to build strength and understanding rather than create noise. We ask only that you come on time for the start, and stay through the whole session, or do not come at all.

Let me repeat my assurance that I am fully conscious of the value of your time. In asking for so much of it I do not make the request lightly. The meeting is not for pleasure nor for superficial purposes. If you can let me know that you will attend, I shall be appreciative of your confidence, and shall be looking forward very much to seeing you on the morning of February 27.

Sincerely,

Robert Welch

Robert Welch

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MEMORANDUM NO GO FIVE A LETTER

This memorandum is prepared to be enclosed with any letter sent out by Robert Welch to his friends and other patriotic Americans, inviting them to attend any one of the two-day meetings which he will be holding in different parts of the country over the next several months.

Having recently attended the first such meeting for the two full days, we earnestly urge each recipient of this request to accept the invitation to the meeting in his area. We believe you will find the subject matter important and the purpose worth while.

T. Coleman Andrews
Laurence E. Bunker
Wm. J. Greda

Fred C. Koch
W. B. McMillan
Reville P. Oliver
Louis Rutherford

Fitzhugh Scott, Jr.
Robert W. Stoddard
Ernest G. Swigert

There were fifteen business and professional leaders at the second of these meetings, which I attended. The reaction of all the participants was, I felt, strongly favorable. I know that for myself the two-day session constituted the most rewarding experience of my life.

Harry L. Bradley

We attended the third in this series of conferences. We cannot too earnestly recommend attendance, for the full two days, by those invited to the later meetings.

Thomas J. Anderson
Edwin S. Billard
E. P. Hamilton
A. G. Heinsohn, Jr.

F. F. Lonck
Cola C. Parker
Martha Parker

J. Nelson Shephard
Dorothy Shephard
Charles J. Stilwell
Edna Stilwell

I was tremendously impressed by your presentation at the New York meeting, and am so glad I was able to attend.

Robert P. Dresser

I am 100% for your line of attack.

T. G. W. Settle

As for myself, I expect to take the stand that every organized patriotic endeavor in existence in the United States at this time should hold a meeting of its executives and, at that meeting, resolve to coordinate its activities with your own. As I see it, you have presented these organizations with a most practical opportunity to become effective at last.

Norman Dodd

I have been in this country for twelve years. To me the most important two days of the twelve years were those on which I heard Mr. Welch's presentation.

Dr. S. M. Draskovich

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...one of the most stirring and convincing expositions I have ever listened to... and would like to hear again.

Re: Robert Welch

Welch is a former director, regional vice president, and chairman of the Educational Advisory Committee of N. A. M. He is the founder of the John Birch Society which is described as a non-profit corporation to combat subversive activities and is said to have made a comprehensive study of communistic influences, etc. It is reported that meetings he has been holding have been for the purpose of reporting on this study to leading business men and presenting a program for business to undertake.

Attached is copy of an invitation dated November 18, 1959, to attend a two-day meeting at the Wilshire Country Club December 8 and 9, 1959, together with an attachment containing comments of a number of persons who have attended similar meetings elsewhere. This letter is on stationery of "American Opinion". A second letter, dated February 11, 1960, invited recipients to another meeting scheduled for February 27 and 28, 1960, at the Statler Hilton. This was on stationery of The John Birch Society, same address, and listed Welch as Founder and the following as the Council of the Society:

N. E. Adamson, Jr.
Thomas J. Anderson
T. Coleman Andrews
John T. Beatty
Spruille Braden
Laurence E. Bunker
Ralph E. Davis
S. M. Draskovich
Wm. J. Gredc
A. G. Heinschm, Jr.
Graaville F. Knight
Fred C. Koch
Alfred Kohlberg
Clarence Manion
Frank E. Macland, Jr.
W. B. McMillan
Adolphe Menjou
Revilo P. Oliver
Cela G. Parker
Louis Ruthenburg
James Simpson, Jr.
Robert W. Stoddard
Emmett G. Swift

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104401)

DATE: April 28, 1960

FROM : SAC, DETROIT (100-27934)

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
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Re SAC letter 60 - 5 (c) dated January 26, 1960,
 and Detroit letters to Bureau dated February 16, March 3,
 and April 13, 1960.

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The Detroit Office received information from [redacted] both students at the University of Detroit, Detroit, on March 7, 1960, that representatives of the captioned Society had passed out literature on March 4, 1960, during a meeting of the Sodality of the Immaculate Conception which was held on the University of Detroit campus.

They stated that the literature was passed out by Mrs. [redacted] who represented herself as a member of the John Birch Society and attended the latter meeting with other individuals who were also reported to be members of the John Birch Society.

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The above students advised that Mrs. [redacted] stated that she was interested in seeing a cell of the Society established on the University of Detroit campus. She also commented that she would see that the \$2.00 membership fee was properly taken care of. The above students furnished to the Detroit Office a number of items of literature which was distributed at the above meeting by Mrs. [redacted].

The literature is described as follows:

1. A fold-type postcard captioned "Stay Away - USA" published by American Opinion, Belmont, Massachusetts.

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2. A leaflet entitled "Terrible '1313'" by JO HINDMAN. This is described as a reprint from the American Mercury magazine from January, 1959, and additional copies are available through the National Reprint Service, Box 365, Park Ridge, Illinois.

3. A four-page leaflet captioned "Human Events" dated September 2, 1959, which is an article by Senator DODD of Connecticut, entitled "The Danger of Playing Host to Khrushchev". The back page of this leaflet noted additional copies can be ordered through Human Events, 408 First Street, SE, Washington, D.C.

4. A leaflet captioned "UNESCO - Communism's Trap for our Youth" and is described as a reprint from the American Mercury magazine and had been prepared by PAUL HARVEY, News Analyst for the American Broadcasting Company.

5. A two-page leaflet also distributed by the National Reprint Service, Park Ridge, Illinois. One side of the leaflet is captioned "All America Must Know - How Reds Work in Our Government". This leaflet notes that it was reprinted by permission from Free Enterprise, 111 North Wabash Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

6. A bookmark type card captioned "Stop Federal Competition with Private Enterprise and Repeal Income Taxes". This card was published by the Michigan Committee for Economic Freedom, Post Office Box 3322, Detroit, Michigan.

The above students advised that the campus organization to which they belong, The Sodality of the Immaculate Conception, is presently holding a series of weekly discussions on Communism and its problems on the campus. They explained these meetings were opened to the public and had attracted the attention of the John Birch Society because of the latter group's interest in informing the public of the evils of Communism.

The above literature is being placed in the exhibit envelope of captioned file in Detroit. Detroit will continue to advise the Bureau of information received regarding the activities of captioned organization.

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Memorandum

TO

Director, FBI (62-104401)

DATE: 4/29/60

FROM

SAC, Atlanta (100-5857)

SUBJECT:

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By letter dated 4/7/60, the Newark Division advised that SA [redacted] of that office had received a communication from [redacted], of Macon, Ga., in which [redacted] indicated that a JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY had been organized in Macon, Ga.

On 4/22/60 Mr. [redacted]

[redacted] Macon, Ga., who resides at [redacted] Macon, Ga., advised that he and his wife, [redacted] had taken part in the "Great Decisions 1960", and had been active in the "Great Decisions 1960" for the past two years, and that he and his wife have been part of group interested in civic, state and national affairs, as well as the foreign policy of this country. He stated that he and his wife had become alarmed at some of their friends in Macon who had become interested in an organization known as the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY. He stated he had expressed no desire or sympathy towards this group himself, and when his friends attempted to interest him in this group, he had turned them aside.

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He stated he had learned from his friends that the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY had an organizational meeting at Macon, Ga. on Wednesday, March 30, 1960, and he was asked to go to this meeting, but did not attend. He stated he understands there were about 30 persons present at this organizational meeting which was held at the residence of [redacted]

[redacted] Macon, Ga. He stated that friends of his [redacted] also attended this meeting and it is his belief that [redacted]

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[redacted] also friends, attended this original meeting. He stated that it is his understanding that [redacted] joined this organization, but that [redacted] did not join. He stated he did know that [redacted] had a copy of "THE LIFE OF JOHN BIRCH" in his possession at one time, but that he did not believe he became interested in this organization.

Mr. [redacted] stated that the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY in Macon at this organizational meeting on Wednesday, 3/30/60, had for its speaker [redacted] who was in Macon for the purpose of organizing this society. He stated that [redacted] as far as he could determine was an industrialist who gave of his free time and money to the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY. He stated that his friends informed him that Mr. [redacted] became very emotional when explaining the purpose of the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, becoming emotional to the point where he cried, stating that this disgusted some of his friends at this meeting. He stated that Mr. [redacted] referred to Mr. ROBERT WELCH who is the founder of this society as "Our Leader" stating that his friends disapproved of this also. He stated that his friends indicate that they are afraid this organization is a "hate" or "Fascist" group, but stated that they had nothing on which to draw this conclusion at this time.

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[redacted] stated that from the organizational meeting at which [redacted] presided, he understood the persons attending were told that each member would act or do as he was told from the higher-ups, that each person joining this organization had to sign a contract, and the dues were \$24.00 a year for each man, and \$12.00 a year for each woman. He stated the talk which [redacted] gave indicated that the members would

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have to take orders from the officers, and they would not have freedom of decision or thought in connection with this group.

[redacted] stated that another meeting of this organization was held on Tuesday, 4/12/60, and he did not know what transpired at that meeting, but would make an effort to determine what happened at the meeting.

[redacted] stated it appeared that [redacted] was the driving force behind the organization of the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY in Macon, and that he knows for a fact that Mrs. [redacted] (formerly [redacted] of Macon, Ga.) whom he described as a radical, seemed to have a hold over [redacted] and that [redacted] subscribed to whatever Mrs. [redacted] thought best. He stated that by radical he meant that Mrs. [redacted] feels there is a complete undermining of the United States Government by Communism, and desires to stop this at whatever cost and stated she is also in favor of cutting off all foreign aid, which, in his opinion, would classify her as a radical. He described Mrs. [redacted] as a personal lobbyist at the Georgia State Capitol, who is independently wealthy. He stated that Mrs. [redacted] is completely sold on the idea that the United States is being undermined by the Communists, and that the only answer to this is to fight it with organizations such as the John Birch Society. He stated it is his feeling that Mrs. [redacted] has complete control over [redacted] thoughts, and "brainwashes" her at least once a month on her (Mrs. [redacted]) ideas.

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[redacted] stated he had developed no information from any of his friends that there is any indication that the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY was subversive in any way, and no indication that any subversive element was attempting to influence or infiltrate the John Birch Society, in Macon, Ga.

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Mr. [redacted] contacted the Macon Resident Agency on 4/25/60, at which time he advised he had been in contact with his friend, [redacted] over the weekend, and that [redacted] informed him he was disillusioned by the John Birch Society, and that he "was not long for it" stating that he indicated he might attend two or three more meetings, but he was disgusted with the society. He stated he learned from [redacted] that Mr. [redacted] (phonetic) who operates the [redacted] Street, Macon, Ga., was appointed chairman of the John Birch Society in Macon at the 4/12/60 meeting, stating that this meeting was held at the S & R Cafe as far as he knows, and that the future meetings of the John Birch Society in Macon will be held at the S & R Cafe.

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He stated at the 4/4/60 meeting of the John Birch Society, Mrs. [redacted] made a statement, during which she made comments to the effect that she was against the United States' foreign aid program, that she was opposed to the Federal Income Taxes, and made a statement to the effect "down with bureaucracy".

[redacted] stated he had no additional information concerning this group, but that his friends whom he considered to be substantial citizens in Macon, and very civic minded, had organized or become affiliated with this group, and he was afraid this group might be Fascist in character.

The Macon City Directory reflects that [redacted]
wife [redacted] operates
the [redacted] in Macon, Ga.

Office Memorandum • UNITED GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104401)

DATE: 5/2/60

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-59001)

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SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY;
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Re SAC Letter 60-5(C),

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On 4/25/60 [redacted] General Electric Company, 735 State Street, Santa Barbara, California, advised SA THOMAS H. THORNTON that various employees of the General Electric Company at Santa Barbara had been contacted to attend a talk by ROBERT WELCH of the John Birch Society which was scheduled to be held at the home of [redacted]

[redacted] at Santa Barbara, California on 4/15/60. [redacted] advised that an acquaintance of his, [redacted] did attend this meeting and furnished him with a written resume of activities which transpired at this meeting.

[redacted] reported that approximately 70 persons attended the meeting of the John Birch Society held on 4/15/60 at the home of [redacted]

[redacted] Santa Barbara. However, the local charge d'affaires of the organization appears to be [redacted]

[redacted] who is listed in the Society's books as a Council member. [redacted] advised that the purpose of the meeting was to hear a three-hour presentation by ROBERT WELCH wherein WELCH recited the history and growth of communism and depicted the present danger to the United States and the rapidly increasing future danger to the United States as posed by communism.

No investigation is being conducted, and the foregoing is being furnished to the Bureau for its information.

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Santa Ynez, California

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DATE 5/14/94 BY [Signature]

Dear Mrs. [Redacted]

Your letter dated April 23, 1960, with its enclosures, has been received and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

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ATTENTION SAC, LOS ANGELES:

Enclosed is a copy of correspondent's communication. Bureau files contain no identifiable data concerning correspondent.

Correspondent enclosed two post cards, both entitled, "Stay Away - USA. The Summit Leads to Disaster," and a pamphlet self-described as the John Birch Society Bulletin for February, 1960.

Information concerning the John Birch Society is contained in SAC Letter 60-5.

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent stated after hearing about the anticommunist work of the John Birch Society, she is discouraged over the success of communists in accomplishing their objectives to "take over the world." She asks if the John Birch Society is an "approved organization."

The John Birch Society was founded by Robert H. W. Welch, Jr., of Belmont, Massachusetts, in December, 1958, at Indianapolis, Indiana. It is allegedly an anticommunist organization having branches in various parts of the country. Welch has been critical of President Eisenhower and his administration. Above SAC Letter calls this organization to the attention of the field and instructs that any information received concerning its activities should be promptly furnished the Bureau.

[Redacted]
Santa Ynez,
California

April 23, 1960

Federal Bureau
Of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs,

I am enclosing a pamphlet and literature put out by the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, Belmont 78, Massachusetts, for your perusal.

An evening intended to interest some 40 to 60 people in the anti-communist work of this organization left me feeling discouraged over the success of communists in accomplishing their objectives to "take over the world" and discontented with my own government and news agencies that they could be so "infiltrated" and controlled by communists.

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The evening went "against the grain" of a deep seated trust in my government and my confidence in a positive approach to solve problems.

In all probability there is no real basis for my wariness of this Society, however I would appreciate knowing whether or not it is an approved organization, if you are in a position to tell me.

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Santa Ynez,
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Federal Bureau
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/s/ [Redacted]

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As Louis Budenz so brilliantly pointed out and prophesied, years ago, "the cry is peace."

There is already peace, of course, in Estonia and Latvia and Lithuania, and Armenia and Byelorussia, and Georgia and the Ukraine. And not just peace for the dead millions that have been murdered, but peace for the living millions that have been enslaved.

There is already peace in Poland and Hungary; in Albania and Yugoslavia and Czechoslovakia; in Romania and Bulgaria and East Germany; and of course in Russia itself. Even such resistance as existed in any of those countries has been provoked into showing itself prematurely—so that it could be destroyed, and a more deadly peace bestowed on the remainder of the population.

Except for a few million Chinese here and there, engaged in desperately suicidal rebellion on behalf of freedom, there is peace on all the mainland of China. There is the same peace in North Korea, and North Vietnam, and Guiana, and Guinea, and Ghana. With guns and bayonets and clubs, and with more refined instruments of terror and of torture where necessary, the henchmen of unspeakable Communist murderers like Achmed Sukarno in Indonesia, Juan Lechin in Bolivia, Karim el-Kassem in Iraq, and Fidel Castro in Cuba are bringing more and more peace to their respective countries.

Peace has many faces. There is the morning peace of the grave, for those who during the night have died of hunger and despair; the evening peace of the slaughter house, when the day's slaughtering is done; and the timeless peace of the escapeless prison, after a hopeless revolt has been subdued. The Communist peace (the Cold Peace to which the Cold War leads) is compounded of all three. And the conspirators now expect, after a few more rounds of fraternizing visits and one or two more summit conferences, to be able to impose that peace on the rest of a rapidly surrendering world.

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Hon. T. Coleman Andrews. Former Commissioner of Internal Revenue of the United States. Now Chairman of the Board of two large (and affiliated) insurance companies.

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Col. Laurence E. Bunker. Former Personal Aide to General Douglas MacArthur for 6-1/2 years -- during the Japanese occupation, the Korean War, and MacArthur's early months in this country after his return.

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Mr. Fred C. Koch. President, Rock Island Oil and Refining Company, Wichita, Kansas. Strong supporter of many patriotic movements, and especially of right-to-work legislation.

Alfred Kohlberg. The "China Lobby" in person, according to the smears of the Left. A very successful importer who has devoted a terrific amount of energy and money to fighting the Communists, especially in the Far East. How highly Alfred Kohlberg is regarded by conservative leaders in America was emphatically demonstrated by the birthday dinner just given him at the Waldorf Astoria, which was sponsored by General A. C. Wedemeyer, Styles Bridges, Herbert Hoover, Barry Goldwater, Francis A. Walter, and three or four more of his special friends.

Dean Clarence Manion. Former Dean of Notre Dame Law School. In 1953 was appointed, by President

Eisenhower, chairman of a committee to reorganize government departments. Found himself hopelessly stymied at every turn by agents of the administration. Resigned and founded the Manion Forum, which now reaches a radio audience of many millions every week.

Mr. Frank E. Masland, Jr. President of C. H. Masland & Sons (carpet manufacturers), Carlisle, Pennsylvania. A leader in his community and state, who serves as chairman, vice-chairman, or active member of the boards of a great many educational, philanthropic, and industrial organizations. Also famous as an explorer of out-of-the-way places in the world.

Mr. W. B. McMillan. President of the Hussmann Refrigerator Company, St. Louis, Missouri. An outstanding business leader. Was, next to your Founder, the first member of The John Birch Society.

Mr. Adolphe Menjou. Famous actor of screen, stage, and television. Also famous as an anti-Communist patriot.

Dr. Revilo P. Oliver. Professor of Classical Languages and Literatures at the University of Illinois. Recognized as one of the very top scholars in America in his field. Now becoming rapidly recognized, also, as one of the ablest speakers on the Americanist side.

Mr. Cola G. Parker. Former President of the Kimberly-Clark Company. Former President of the National Association of Manufacturers. At present, United States Employer Delegate -- a stoutly patriotic and embattled delegate -- to the International Labor Organization.

Mr. Louis Rutherford. Chairman of the Board of Servel, Inc., Evansville, Indiana. Long a leader in

and fighter for conservative causes.

Mr. James Simpson, Jr. A former conservative Republican Congressman. Now President of Simpson Estates, Chicago, and with many other business interests.

Mr. Robert W. Stoddard. President of Wyman-Gordon Company, Worcester, Massachusetts. On board of directors of several of New England's largest businesses, including First National Bank of Boston. Has just served two terms as President of Associated Industries of Massachusetts. Active on the boards of many educational and philanthropic institutions.

Lt. General Charles B. Stone, III, U.S.A.F. (Retired). Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of United States Leasing Corporation, San Francisco. Succeeded General Claire Chennault as Commander of our 14th Airforce, in China, near end of World War II, and is lifetime Honorary Chairman of the 14th Airforce Association. [See Pages 13, 19, 32, and 42 in The Life Of John Birch, (Regnery paperbound edition) for more about General Stone]

Mr. Ernest G. Swigert. President of the Hyster Company, Portland, Oregon, with other factories in the Midwest, South America, and Amsterdam, Holland. Former President of the National Association of Manufacturers, and a most dedicated American patriot.

All but three or four of these men have been close personal friends of your Founder for many years. All of these men are devoted to the principles and purposes of The John Birch Society, and are determined to do their part to bring about "less government, more responsibility, and a better world." And all of them realize that the first task, towards achieving these

long-range objectives, is to keep the Communist conspiracy from destroying everything worthwhile that we have inherited.

The basic function of the COUNCIL is threefold: (1) To show the stature and standing of the leadership of the Society; (2) to give your Founder the benefit of the COUNCIL's advice and guidance, both in procedural or organizational matters, and in substantive matters of policy; and (3) to select, with absolute and final authority, a Successor to myself as head of The John Birch Society, if and when an accident, "suicide," or anything sufficiently fatal is arranged for me by the Communists -- or I simply die in bed of old age and a cantankerous disposition.

We deliberately waited one full year, after the Society was founded, in order to test the ideological appeal and the organizational practicality of our program, before establishing the COUNCIL. Its first meeting was held all day Saturday, January 9, in Chicago. It will meet at fairly regular intervals henceforth. And we believe that both the growth and the effectiveness of our Society will be greatly helped by the experience, ability, and resolute purpose of so strong a governing body.

General Comments

The Freedom Pens referred to in our last bulletin were forwarded to us in two shipments. The larger of these shipments went astray and has just arrived. The pens are now on their way to you; one direct to each Home Chapter member, and enough to each Chapter Leader for the members of that chapter.

The shipment of the books on the atrocities of the FLN were finally released by Customs in New York, after a

delay of some six weeks. It proved to be disappointing. There were only half as many books as we had hoped, and all but a few of them were of an earlier edition, in a white paper cover, and not nearly as good as the later edition in the green paper cover which we had seen. But our friend in France had done the best he could, and we were glad to have the books that did arrive. One copy (instead of two copies) was sent to each Chapter Leader, and one to each Home Chapter member as far as they would go.

In the meantime Mr. Alfred Kohlberg had given us enough copies of Communist Blueprint For World Conquest and Speeches And Debates Of Senator McCarthy for us to send one of each of these books to each Chapter Leader we then had (the middle of January), for addition to our chapter materials. This has been done.

Also, the red and blue stickers, to be put in books, to show that they are the property of The John Birch Society (and to indicate in each case whether or not the book is on our approved list), are now in the mails to our Chapter Leaders. They should have gone sooner but, as one of our good members has lamented with regard to his activities, "there are not enough of me," at least for the work to be done. In this connection, let us say here that the promised addition to our list of approved books is not omitted from this bulletin through oversight. It will be extensive, and will be in our March bulletin. There is simply too much other ground to cover in this one.

Our committee, College Graduates Against Educating Traitors At Government Expense, is getting off to a good start, under Chairman Harold C. Bailey. Its address, and his address for this purpose, is P. O. Box 1553, Hartford 1, Connecticut. Mr. Bailey will welcome your support, through letters you may be

willing to write Congressmen insisting that the loyalty oath in the present National Defense Education Act must not be repealed, and in other ways of which he will be glad to advise you if you will write him. We urge our members who feel strongly on this issue to get in touch directly with Mr. Bailey, and to add your efforts to those of the Committee under his direction.

In the letter from Newsweek published in our last bulletin, in which it conceded both the inaccuracy and the unjustified "slant" that we pointed out in their article on the French Red Hand, the writer of that letter "for the editors," Mr. Dwight Norris, defended Newsweek to some extent in the following sentence: "As Red Hander Christian Durieux said recently in a signed article, he and his colleagues 'don't merely admit these acts of violence, we claim the honor of having put an end to certain arms dealers.' "

If Newsweek had published a retraction or correction of their article, as they were morally bound to do (especially since it had been widely quoted and used in Europe to strengthen the FLN Communists), we would gladly let this faux pas pass. As it is, we cannot refrain from pointing out that Mr. Christian Du Rieux is about as much of a Red Hander as I am a Chinese mandarin. He is a young French practical joker who had a pal of his pose as his bodyguard, passed himself off as a Red Hander in an "interview" for the Daily Mail, enjoyed himself immensely with his bombastic story for which he collected six thousand francs (about twelve dollars), and immediately spent the whole twelve dollars on drinks with his pal. The laughing headline of one of the other newspapers which exposed the hoax was -- over a picture of Du Rieux -- "This Small Young Man Made Europe Tremble."

We are not suggesting further letters to Newsweek at

this time, however, for we still think it is the best -- or the least bad -- of the three major news weeklies. What is wrong there is the same as what is even more wrong with ninety percent of the whole American press today. A well-intentioned management has no slightest conception of how far the termites have crept into the solid-looking framework of their news gathering and news reporting; and is probably inclined to get angry at those pointing out this fact, instead of digging deep enough to find the termites. That was the major trouble with our State Department years ago, while there were still plenty of good men in it, and before the termites had almost completely taken it over. The same reaction of the "press lords" today, automatically to defend themselves and all of their staffs and to ridicule their accusers, is producing the same ultimate results. If the owners of some of America's leading publications would take the trouble (and it would be a lot of trouble) to learn the real truth about even their Washington bureaus, said owners would probably die of apoplexy. But we shall still try to spur the consciences of some of them now and then.

On a different track in this same direction, let us point out that the February issue of American Opinion, coming from the printer this week end, contains in the feature, **IF YOU WANT IT STRAIGHT**, many pages giving the background and story of the betrayal of the French government by our delegate, Cabot Lodge, in the United Nations vote on the "Algerian question." This background will make clear the reasons for, and significance of, the revolt of the French patriots in Algeria against de Gaulle's compromising leadership (forced on him by our government) which is going on right now. If you are not a subscriber to American Opinion please remember that any member of our Society may have a gift subscription simply by asking his Chapter Leader for it; or that the rate is five dollars.

per year, if you prefer to subscribe; or that individual copies of this or any issue are available for fifty cents each. Our interest here is solely in getting our members to read that article, which we do believe is quite revealing, and which unfortunately is too long to reprint in this bulletin.

Letter Writing For The Month

On March 26, 1960, President Syngman Rhee of the Republic of Korea will be eighty-five years old. He is beyond question one of the greatest men of our age, and for a long time has been one of the world's most courageous and determined fighters against the Communists. A brief story of his heroic life was given in the very first issue of ONE MAN'S OPINION (predecessor to AMERICAN OPINION), which all Chapter Leaders have available in their chapter materials. And we are mailing a copy to each Home Chapter member. We believe you will find it of considerable interest, for the epic story of his almost incredible life is too little known.

But the point here is our request that each of our members send President Rhee a card, or letter, or some form of greeting and encouragement, to reach him by or before his birthday. The address is:

Honorable Syngman Rhee
President, The Republic Of Korea
Kyung Mu Dai
Seoul
Republic Of Korea

The airmail postage is 25¢ for each half ounce.

For those who do not have the opportunity or will not take the trouble to read the magazine article referred to above, I extract from it and incorporate herewith a letter which Syngman Rhee gave me on August 16, 1955,

in Seoul, in connection with a speech I was soon to make before the board of directors of the NAM.

August 16, 1955

Dear Mr. Welch:

Please convey to the board of directors of the National Association of Manufacturers of the United States my greetings. These greetings come from one who also believes unwaveringly in individual freedom and individual responsibility in all human activities, and one who hopes in time to see a system of free competitive enterprise create a rising standard of living for our people, as it has done so successfully among yours.

Then may I say through you, to these great leaders of American free enterprise, that not only all of our work but all of theirs; all of their saving, all that they have built in the past and all that they hope to build in the future; these will all be destroyed in only a few more years, unless the Communist conspiracy is destroyed first. Say to them that "peaceful coexistence" is an insidious fraud, and compromise with Communism is a sin of which the wages are surely death. Do your best to have even the doubters among your associates see the unchanging purposes of the Communists as clearly as you and I see them, and these friends can then help mightily to save not only my country and your country but our civilization itself.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely,

(Signed) Syngman Rhee

The grand old man who wrote that letter has always faced tremendous odds, but never greater than today. As we pointed out in another article a few months ago, the Communist influence, subtly abetted at every turn by our government, is now steadily rising even in South Korea. Syngman Rhee is being undermined by all of the usual Communist methods; and the once firm op-

position to Communism throughout all of South Korea is now beginning to suffer erosion from the same Communist pressures and trickery, too great and too vicious to be withstood forever, that finally broke down Finland. In this war we must learn to encourage our own, as well as to fight the enemy. Syngman Rhee deserves all of the appreciation we can show and encouragement we can give. Supplying both, at this very opportune occasion, is up to you.

As most of our members undoubtedly know by now, the liquidation of Povl Bang-Jensen apparently was not prompted by revenge for his past defiance of the Communists and protection of the Hungarian witnesses, but to prevent him giving out devastating information concerning pro-Communist agents and activities within the UN staffs, including the United States staff. We may have more to tell you about several aspects of the case, in our bulletin for March.

In the meantime, contrary to the opinion of some of our members, our best informed and most experienced fighters against the Communist penetration feel that the postcard shower which we recommended is a most effective and very worthwhile technique under the circumstances. Its purpose is simply to make resentment visible and to keep the case alive. Again we urge each of you, therefore, to send postcards addressed to Dag Hammarskjöld, The United Nations, New York City, and to put on the other side simply the question: Who murdered Bang-Jensen? You do not need to sign these cards unless you wish to do so. But a huge flood of them pouring in, and a growing repetition elsewhere of the question "Who murdered Bang-Jensen?" -- like the one before it, "Who promoted Peress?" -- while it may not accomplish one-half of what we would like, is designed and can be counted on to give anything but aid and comfort to our enemies and traitors in the United Nations.

For the real goal is not only to keep the case alive and to have it haunt the Communists, but to develop it eventually into a cause celebre of such proportions that the backfire in American and world public opinion will hurt the Communists more than would have the revelations Bang-Jensen might have made. To that end let's broaden this tactic of justified harassment and take in the head of our own UN delegation. For while Lodge's sin in the Bang-Jensen case may have been confined to one of omission, it was a very deliberate omission (in the face of considerable prodding from patriotic citizens highly placed), and his treatment of France in the UN vote on Algeria (a de facto boost for the Algerian Communists) was a sin of commission so heinous as to be openly characterized by top people in the French government as contemptible and a dirty betrayal --- which it was. And there is nothing new about any of this in Lodge's record of "accomplishments" in the United Nations.

We are asking our members, therefore, also to send postcards to Henry Cabot Lodge, United Nations, New York City, reading on the message side as follows:

Two questions, Mr. Lodge --

Who murdered Bang-Jensen?

and

Which side are you on?

Again, there is no need for signing these cards unless you wish to do so. It will be perfectly obvious immediately that they are part of a concerted campaign. But a veritable flood of such cards, coming in from all over the United States (as these will) are bound to give pause to even our thick-skinned Ambassador to the United Nations. Make it a deluge.

Finally, in this connection, write a letter to the Honorable Thomas J. Dodd, Senate Office Building, Wash-

ton, D. C., urging and encouraging him to do all he can to make the investigation of the Bang-Jensen case by the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee a thorough one, going into all of the case's sinister ramifications.

Other Requests

By this time we trust that most of you have written letters to the three airlines, urging them to put Human Events in their reading racks. Don't be discouraged if the replies received were largely of the routine and "brush off" variety. That was to be expected; having our recommendation accepted at once was not. Among other steps now to be taken are two in which many of our members can help. (1) If you ride the airlines frequently, insist on every trip over American, United, or Eastern on being given a suggestion card. Make the point on that card or plane stationery that you would like to be having Human Events to read. Give the flight number you are on, the date, and your name and address. Then either turn the card in to the stewardess or mail it yourself after leaving the plane. Demands from actual customers do carry more weight than those from "may be" customers. (2) If you are a stockholder in any of these airlines, write them as one -- even if you have already written as merely a passenger or outsider. In other words, keep hammering away in every feasible manner. We want Human Events to read on the airlines and we are going to get it there before we quit.

There are many other paths we should like to pursue this month, including several urgently suggested by our members. The endorsement of Senator Stephen M. Young by the American Veterans Committee, for instance, instead of being an exoneration of Young, makes him even more deserving of our arrows of scorn. For

the American Veterans Committee stands in about the same relation to the American Legion as the National Lawyers Guild does to the American Bar Association. And in view of Young's contemptible attacks on Gordon Scherer, one of the finest Congressmen in America, firing some more barrels at Young would be entirely justified.

Also, a lot of our members have wanted us to concentrate specifically on opposing repeal of the Connally Amendment. And we are fully aware of the extreme importance of preserving that amendment if possible. But we saw no way in which we could be sufficiently effective on that issue (at our present level of strength, and within the time available) to justify the all-out effort that would be required. There were other considerations with regard to other issues so insistently called to our attention. But the chief consideration with regard to them all is that, so far as practicable, we wanted to save every bit of our energy for a major effort, on an issue of far greater importance than any of the others, in an area where we have already proved that we can have some effectiveness. I want to put the whole body of The John Birch Society, with every ounce of its strength and determination, into rallying the latent opposition of the American people against the forthcoming Summit Conference, and into bringing about another postponement of that "conference" if it is humanly possible to do so. For truly, we are not exaggerating when we say that "the summit leads to disaster."

It is a favorite and overworked technique of the Communists to set up something they want to happen as if it were already accepted by the whole world, and then carry it off as a "fait accompli." The final sell-out of China was largely brought about by the "White Paper" of our State Department in 1949, which accepted as already a fait accompli the Communist conquest of all of

China which by then had by no means occurred. The same kind of thing has happened over and over, and it is happening right now with regard to the Summit Conference scheduled for May. We are supposed to lie down and take it as a fait accompli, as something we can do nothing about because already it is all settled. The truth is that nothing is a fait accompli until it is in the past; and nothing in the political future that the American people don't want to happen is all settled until the American people decide to let it happen. We have three months in which to stir the American people into such vehement opposition, to being sold into one-world communism through the Summit Conference, that the Communists will either modify these plans for the near future or change them altogether. As they used to say in happier days, "Let's give it the old college try." Many a game has been saved in the last five minutes of play, and there never was a game more important than this one.

We have already started the slogan: The Summit Leads To Disaster. It is showing up in many places. Let's now take it one step further with: Stay Away -- U.S.A. The Summit Leads To Disaster. And let's go a great many steps further in bringing that warning forcefully to the attention of the American people and of those who control our destinies.

Enclosed with this bulletin are two postcards. No. 1 is regular size. No. 2 is an oversize postcard, but which will still go as a postcard, and not just as third class mail, for three cents. This has been checked with the Boston postoffice. We believe that both cards are effective weapons for our battle. And we have kept the price down as low on each as we could, because we want them used in a lot of ways and places. Of course we should have liked very much to provide them free, at least for our members. But the quantities which we

hope will be put to good use make any such wish out of the question.

We urge that the following methods be employed to put these cards to work, by every member who can, to the fullest extent that he can. And we do plead for cooperation in this campaign, more complete and more extensive than for any we have undertaken before.

- (1) Mail either post card, or both, to your Congressman, and to both of your Senators, and to any other Congressmen or Senators you may wish. It is the number of such cards received by each that will impress him and his staff as much as the message itself.
- (2) Mail either post card, or both, to Secretary of State Christian A. Herter, State Department, Washington, D. C.; to Vice President Richard M. Nixon, Washington, D. C.; and to President Dwight D. Eisenhower, The White House, Washington, D. C.
- (3) Mail either post card, or both, to as many newspaper editors, columnists, magazine editors, magazine publishers, radio commentators, television newscasters, and station owners as you can.
- (4) Although your name and address can be written on either card (anywhere except in the space provided for the address, which must be kept clear of anything else), we have left no designated space for you to do so. This is because the space was so tight, we felt most people would prefer not to sign the cards, and we further felt that such signatures were not necessary. BUT -- to whatever extent you are willing to go to the extra work, write a personal letter to any (or many) of the people in the above categories, about the message and opposing the Summit Conference further, in your own words and with your own reasons -- and simply enclose one of the

postcards with your letter to bolster your argument. Naturally every one of these letters will be more effective than just the postcard alone -- but the postcard will make it easier for you to write the letter.

(5) Send sample postcards, one or both, to your friends and acquaintances whom you believe to be conservatives, urging them to order postcards for their own use and to continue the chain with their own friends. We do not know what the percentage of helpers will be on any list. But the more people you ask to help, the more warriors we shall enlist in our army.

(6) Tack these cards up or tape them up, with the message side exposed, or with two cards together exposing both sides, on bulletin boards, or other opportune places; leave them on tables in waiting rooms or wherever feasible; and otherwise give them just as wide distribution as you can in addition to that obtained through the mails.

(7) Sponsor yourself, if financially able, or get others to join you in paying for, the exact reproduction of the message side of the small card, or of the large one, in your local newspapers. If we can have these comparatively small advertisements popping up in newspapers all over the country, and continuing to pop up, they will add tremendously to the impact of our campaign. But please do not discount the importance of all of the other methods of getting the message distributed and read.

Of course, if you can get newspapers to run the advertisement free, or reproduce the message in full as the basis of an editorial, or simply as a guest editorial, so much the better. And permission for such reproduction, in full and without alterations, is hereby granted. But do not overlook the value of this message as an advertisement even in newspapers which are bitterly hostile to

our point of view or which, while sympathetic, will run it only as a paid advertisement.

(8) Ask your Senators and Congressmen to incorporate the postcard message into their speeches, and otherwise to lead or support political action for an indefinite postponement of the Summit Conference or for a withdrawal of the intended participation by our government. If you have Senators like John Kennedy or Leverett Saltonstall (just to name the two from my own state) this would be a futile waste -- though having them receive a flood of the cards to show the rising sentiment would not. But if you are fortunate enough to have Senators who are Americanists, enough encouragement may bring them into actively battling -- politically -- to prevent the summit idiocy. Every member, for instance, no matter in what state, should immediately send one or both cards to Senator Barry Goldwater, Senate Office Building, Washington, D. C., to help to persuade him to take a leading part in the political opposition.

(9) Permission is hereby granted to have the whole back of the card (either card) reproduced, provided this is done in full and without alteration, and is for free distribution. (Reproduction for sale is strictly prohibited.) Either or both cartoons from the front of the cards may also be added to this reproduction. This is to enable anybody to use the message (with or without cartoons) in handbills or other forms for mass distribution to crowds. For while we know that distribution of the cards themselves will be far more effective, we do not want to pass up any distribution which would be out of the question because of the cost of the cards.

(10) Think of every other way you can to spread these cards, and the message on these cards, as widely as possible, and then follow through. Do it promptly and keep on doing it. We have an opportunity to stir up a

mighty storm with these cards, but only if we do not waste any time.

Finally, if you have any doubt as to the supreme importance of opposing the Summit Conference with all of the strength and determination we can muster, I hope that my opinion will at least count for something in persuading you otherwise. I have now been studying the methods as well as the purposes of the Communist conspiracy for many years. And it is my carefully considered belief, based on that study and experience, and shared by leading anti-Communists everywhere, that the Summit Conference in May of this year would constitute a firm beginning of the final surrender of the remaining free world to the Communist tyranny.

Conclusion

The only other task with which we burden you this month is the continuous one of recruiting. We want more chapters, more members of those chapters, and more members of the Home Chapter, as fast as you and we can reach prospects who meet our earnest requirements.

"We are far different from, and more than, a political action organization. Our ultimate objective is not only less government and more responsibility, but a better world in every moral and humane sense. We must have associated with us, therefore, only those who will join our own efforts to set an example, by dedication, integrity, and purpose -- in both word and deed -- which men of good will, good conscience, and religious ideals can follow without hesitation."

You present members are the best agents we have for bringing in new members who qualify. Make suitable friends or neighbors or acquaintances sufficiently aware

of our methods, purposes, and dedication, so that they will really wish to join. There are tens of thousands just waiting to be told, who will welcome the opportunity we can offer them to serve with happiness in so mighty a cause.

And in speaking of our desired growth I would not be doing my duty if I did not mention that old bogey, money. We are doing quite all right as a going concern, and for our current needs. We have never had any worry over payrolls or routine expenses in The John Birch Society, and let's hope that we never shall. But we have plenty of worry over the opportunities for expansion which we are missing, while the enemy marches on. For while we have not set the world on fire or yet stopped the Communists, when you think of what we have been able to do with our still small numbers, and project that into what we could accomplish with the potential strength that is just waiting to be gathered, we feel a sense of urgency that is hard to keep subdued.

For there are still three-fourths of the United States in which we do not yet have Coordinators, or even chapters except those few scattered ones which have formed themselves. We can put on new Coordinators, to seed and work this fertile soil, only as we have the capital in advance to carry us safely through the development period. And naturally we have a gnawing impatience to get on with the job.

We are grateful, therefore, to those members who have set up a monthly contribution schedule, large or small, in addition to their dues. We want nobody --- ever --- to contribute money to The John Birch Society that he or she does not actually and honestly want to contribute; but we would welcome monthly checks from all members who might wish to join the present few in sending them.

We are grateful to the Home Chapter members, both Life and Annual, whose dues have largely provided the funds for our growth to this point. (The dues of local chapter members, while absolutely necessary, just barely cover the cost of our mailings, supplies, and contacts.) We are now coming to a period, for the first time, when annual dues for a second year will be in order for some Home Chapter members, and then for more as the anniversaries of their joining come up month by month. We shall send reminders in due course, but renewal payments with or without reminders will be welcome and appreciated.

Especially am I grateful to the members of the COUNCIL who, entirely on their own initiative and out of their own pockets, are providing a fund for a good enough assistant to take, in time, a little of the load off my shoulders. And we are equally grateful to many good men and women, both able and dedicated, who are giving so much of their time and energy, without any pay, to the work of our Society.

But the problem of rapid enough expansion still remains. And I feel that I should and must make all of you as conscious of that problem as I am, night and day. I feel that I should even mention it especially to one group of good friends, widely scattered, who may be yielding more to procrastination than to any other motive. For there are now about thirty people who have told me definitely that they were going to become Life members of our Society, and who obviously intended to, but who have not yet done so. With that thirty thousand dollars we would feel safe in putting on paid Coordinators in three whole new territories. And while here again we do not want either contributions or increased dues from anybody, where there is the slightest reluctance to provide them, if simply "putting the matter off" is all that is involved, we remind them in good conscience

that procrastination is not just the thief of time. It is also the thief of opportunity, in the program we have laid out for ourselves. And we further assure one and all, who willingly send us their hard earned money, that we use every dollar of it to the best advantage we can determine.

The final duty to be performed in this bulletin is more pleasant. It is to give our honorable mention for the month to Chapter No. 39, in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, of which Mrs. Louise F. McGee is Chapter Leader. This is another case in which there has been no spectacular activity or accomplishment. But there has been a steady and faithful performance of the agenda laid out each month, and a sustained enthusiasm for the principles and purposes of The John Birch Society. That is all we can ask, and all we need, of our members everywhere. And it is a pleasure to express our thanks in this way to Mrs. McGee and her dedicated members in Chapter 39.

As it is an even greater pleasure to express, in this last sentence, my deep gratitude to all of you for so much loyalty and kindness and support.

Sincerely,

Robert Welch

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104401) DATE: 5/3/60

FROM : SAC, HOUSTON (62-1521)

SUBJECT : ROBERT H. WELCH, JR.
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

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Re: Houston letters dated 2/26 and 3/21/60.

On 4/26/60, Mr. [redacted]
and a contact of this office, advised that Mrs. [redacted]
[redacted] Houston, Texas,
desired to discuss a matter with an Agent of the FBI.

On 5/2/60, Mrs. [redacted] was contacted and furnished
the following information:

Mr. [redacted] whose address is unknown, but who
is a residential building contractor in Houston, has organized
a chapter of the John Birch Society in Houston. [redacted] is
the [redacted] of this chapter and has held several meetings
and distributed a quantity of literature regarding the aims
of the society.

Several in the group have become quite disturbed
over the information put out by the society and have become
confused as to just what is the truth regarding the present
communist situation in the United States and just what action
they should take. Mrs. [redacted] advised that the leaders
of the society go so far as to claim that President EISENHOWER
is a communist and certain religious groups, particularly
the Methodist Church is a communist organization. She advised
that the leaders point out that if President EISENHOWER
goes to the "Summit Meeting" he will sell the United States
out to the communists and the communists will take over the
United States in about three years and everyone in this
country except the communists will be in slave labor camps.

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Mrs. [redacted] stated that she had informed [redacted] that she was going to "discuss this society with the FBI" and he tried to persuade her not to do this and told her that at least she should not divulge the names of those who have attended meetings.

Mrs. [redacted] advised that she did not know what action to take and whether she should join this organization and aid in its fight against communism. She stated that she did not feel that communism had reached the point depicted by this society. She requested that if possible she would like to be furnished information as to whether or not this was a good organization to join and also desired any literature which would assist her in making up her mind in this matter.

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Mrs. [redacted] was advised that the FBI is strictly an investigative agency and does not issue clearances or nonclearances for any group and she would have to decide in her own mind whether or not to become active in this society. She was advised that if possible literature regarding communism would be forwarded to her from the Bureau. She was also advised that she could assure herself that the President of the United States is not and never has been a communist.

It is requested that the Bureau forward to Mrs. [redacted] similar information as that forwarded to Mrs. [redacted] by letter from the Director dated April 18, 1960. For the Bureau's immediate reference this literature consisted of the following items:

- 1. Statement of Director Concerning the 17th National Convention, Communist Party, USA, December 10-13, 1959.
- 2. "Breaking the Communist Spell."
- 3. "Communist 'New Look!'"
- 4. "Where Do We Stand Today with Communism in the United States?"
- 5. "God and Country or Communism?"

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- 6. "How to Beat Communism."
- 7. "Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion."
- 8. "Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality."

No further action is being taken in this matter.

- Mr. Kleinkauf

SAC, Houston (62-1521)

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ROBERT H. WELCH, JR.
INFORMATION CONCERNING
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Reurlet 5/3/60.

There is enclosed one copy each of the eight items of literature requested in relet. You may desire to make the enclosed available to Mrs. [redacted] [redacted], Houston, Texas, per the request contained in relet.

mz Mrs. [redacted] is not identifiable in Bureau files.

Enclosures (8)

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DATE 5/14/04 BY [redacted]

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Mrs. [redacted] appeared at the Houston Office and furnished information in her possession concerning Robert H. Welch, Jr., of Belmont, Massachusetts, and his organization, The John Birch Society, a chapter of which was recently organized in Houston. Mrs. [redacted] advised that she is confused concerning the subject of communism and requested any literature which would assist her in making up her mind as to whether communism had reached the point depicted by The John Birch Society. Houston requested that the Bureau forward to Mrs. [redacted] the enclosed literature. However, it is felt that it would be more desirable to have the Houston Office furnish the literature to her than to have it forwarded by letter over the Director's signature. The following items were enclosed for the Houston Office to make available to Mrs. [redacted].

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1. Statement of Director Concerning the 17th National Convention, Communist Party, USA, December 10-13, 1959.
2. "Breaking the Communist Spell."

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NOTE ON YELLOW (Continued)

3. "Communist 'New Look.'"
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 5-9-60

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: ROBERT H. W. WELCH, JR.
 THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
 REQUEST TO SEE DIRECTOR

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By letter to Director 5/3/60, attached, Welch advised that several years ago friends suggested he have a talk with Mr. Hoover and offered to write letters of introduction. Welch informed his friends he had sent the Director copies of his books and magazines as well as data concerning The John Birch Society, and that nothing he was doing, beyond that represented in his writings, was important enough to justify taking up the Director's time.

Welch advised that on one occasion, someone in Tennessee, hearing one of Welch's tape recordings, mistook a reference he made to his friendship with Dr. J. B. Matthews and his access to J. B.'s files as a statement that Welch had access to the FBI's files. Welch stated two Agents contacted him about this and he not only played for them the master tape from which the recording had been taken, but also furnished them information about The John Birch Society. He noted that at that time he still saw no reason to bother the Director.

Welch now, however, is puzzled by a report from one of his representatives in Texas that the FBI, in answering correspondence from some people, especially in the Houston area, has said, "The John Birch Society is a group of righteous citizens who do not know the facts." Welch stated his group is meticulously careful and accurate in dealing with facts concerning the continuous communist advance, and he could not help wondering what prompted any such impression as apparently had been formed, and then transmitted by the FBI.

Welch advised that there is nobody in the fight against communism who has supported the FBI and the Director more than he, and cited the favorable support he had given to "Masters of Deceit." Welch stated he would very much like the opportunity of a brief visit with the Director and that he would be glad to come to Washington for that purpose at Mr. Hoover's convenience.

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA: Summary

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Robert H. W. Welch, born 12/1/99, Edenton, North Carolina, received A. B. degree University of North Carolina, 1916, and attended Harvard Law School, 1919-21.

Enclosure

1 - Mr. DeLoach

1 - Mr. Ingram

1 - Mr. Tele. Room

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Re: Robert H. W. Welch, Jr.

receiving no degree. During World War II, he was on Advisory Commission of Office of Price Administration. From 1951-57, he was a Director of National Association of Manufacturers, and was its Vice President, 1955-57. He was an officer of James O. Welch Company, candy manufacturers, Cambridge, Massachusetts, for many years, and apparently left this concern in 1959, to devote full time to The John Birch Society.

INFORMATION IN BUFILES:

In 1952, Welch wrote a book "May God Forgive Us," dealing with communist aggression. In 1954, he wrote a book "The Life of John Birch." Birch, a young Baptist missionary in China, helped Doolittle and several of his fliers to safety after the Tokyo raid. Birch later served 3 years as an Army intelligence officer under General Chennault. 10 days after the end of World War II, while on a peaceful Army mission, Birch was brutally murdered by Chinese communists.

Welch founded The John Birch Society in December, 1958, at Indianapolis, Indiana; it is incorporated in Massachusetts as a non-profit, non-political and education corporation. It is allegedly an anti-communist organization having branches in various parts of the country. Its long-range objective has been summarized as "less government, more responsibility and a better world." We have received numerous inquiries concerning this organization from citizens throughout the country, and several, in particular, from the Houston, Texas, area. In acknowledging these inquiries, the Director, of course, has never made any statement to the effect that "The John Birch Society is a group of righteous citizens who do not know the facts." We have not investigated the Society or Welch. By SAC Letters in March, 1959, and January, 1960, we alerted our field offices as to the activities of Welch and The John Birch Society, and requested to be advised when a chapter of the Society is organized. We are particularly interested in efforts by subversive elements to take over or use this Society or its chapters.

Welch edits a monthly periodical "American Opinion" which appeared in January, 1958, as a successor to his publication "One Man's Opinion." This magazine contains reviews of current topics by various authors and comments and observations by Welch. Many of its articles are anti-communist. We have never investigated either of these publications. The Director wrote Welch in March, 1957, acknowledging receipt of "One Man's Opinion." The February, 1958, issue of "American Opinion" blasted Cyrus Eaton concerning his comments about the FBI. The May, 1958, issue of "American Opinion" had a very favorable review of "Masters of Deceit" by Edwin McDowell. By letter 4/24/58, the Director thanked McDowell for his generous comments. The March, 1959, issue of "American Opinion" had an article entitled "The Cyrus Eaton Story" which questioned Eaton's motives and pointed out that his utterances and "hogwash conferences" receive tremendous publicity but do incalculable harm to the anti-communist cause. Welch authored a 287-page book "The Politician," which was never published, which was mainly an attack on the political life and beliefs of President Eisenhower.

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SAC, Boston and another agent interviewed Welch on 12/21/59, concerning the allegation that Welch had access to FBI files, as mentioned by Welch in his attached letter. He denied making such a statement and played the master tape to prove his point. He said at that time, there were John Birch chapters in 15 states. (62-104401)

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- (1) That attached letter be sent to Welch.
- (2) That in the event Welch comes to Washington and calls the Bureau for an appointment with the Director, he be referred to someone in your (DeLoach) office.

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May 10, 1960

Mr. Robert Welch
Founder
The John Birch Society, Inc.
Belmont 78, Massachusetts

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Dear Mr. Welch:

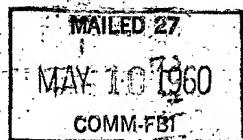
Robert H.

Your letter of May 3, 1960, concerning an alleged statement by the FBI regarding The John Birch Society, has been received, and I appreciate your bringing this matter to my attention. It would appear that your representative in Texas has been misinformed since I can assure you the FBI has never made such a comment regarding your organization.

I certainly wish that I could arrange a definite appointment with you. I am, however, unable to do this in view of the uncertain nature of my schedule. Please feel free to call my office if you are in Washington in the future. If I am not in, one of my assistants will be happy to be of service.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



Boston (100-32899) - Enclosure
Houston (62-1521) - Enclosure

NOTE: See Jones to DeLoach memo, 5/9/60, captioned "Robert H. W. Welch, Jr. of The John Birch Society, Belmont, Mass., Request to see Director."

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THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

INCORPORATED

Belmont 78, Massachusetts

May 3, 1960

(Dictated May 2, 1960)

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Founder
ROBERT WELCH

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Hon. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Three or four years ago several different friends of mine who are, I believe, also friends of yours, suggested that I ought to have a talk with you, and each one offered independently to write a letter of introduction on my behalf,

In each instance I replied that I had sent you copies of each of my two little books, MAY GOD FORGIVE US and THE LIFE OF JOHN BIRCH, and that you were regularly receiving copies of my magazine, then called ONE MAN'S OPINION but which has now become AMERICAN OPINION, although I did not know whether you had ever had time to read either the magazine or the books. And that it did not seem to me that anything I was doing, beyond what was represented by these books and the magazine which were already at your disposal, was important enough to justify my taking up your time, or asking for a chance to do so.

Then, when I had got the John Birch Society fairly under way, I sent you a copy of the Blue Book of the Society, which sets forth the Society's background, methods, and purposes, and tells what we are trying to do, and how, and why, as well as I know how to explain it all in print. A little later some member of an audience down in Tennessee, hearing one of our tape recordings, somehow mistook a reference I had made to my friendship with Dr. J. B. Matthews, and my access to J. B.'s files, as a statement that I had access to the FBI's files. As a result, two of your men in Boston came to see me. I not only played for them the master tape from which the recording used in Tennessee had been taken, and showed them identically

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Hon. J. Edgar Hoover

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the same language in the Blue Book; but I took advantage of that opportunity to give them any and all information about The John Birch Society which I thought or they thought might be helpful. But I still saw no reason to bother you.

Now, however, I am puzzled by a report from one of our best Co-ordinators in the South, who works in Texas, to the effect that the FBI, in answering correspondence from some people, especially in the Houston area, who have attended either our tape sessions or film sessions, has said that "The John Birch Society is a group of righteous citizens who do not know the facts." Since giving the plain facts concerning the continuous Communist advance, and their methods, is the very core of our presentations, and since for obvious reasons we have had to be meticulously careful and accurate about those facts, and since literally hundreds of outstanding conservatives or anti-Communists all over the country are constantly turning to us and our small Research Department as a source of facts for their own speeches, articles, letters, and other activities, we cannot help wondering just what has prompted any such impression as apparently has been formed, and then transmitted, by somebody in the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

There is nobody in this fight who has supported the FBI and yourself more unceasingly, uncompromisingly, or enthusiastically, and nobody who more firmly expects to keep right on doing so. When your book provoked a lot of grumbling, and even some loud and rabid dissent, on the part of some of your former strong supporters, because of what they considered your too favorable attitude toward the NAACP and other organizations, I wrote many pages of letters to some of these people to calm them down -- the essence of which was that, whether you had leaned over too far backward to try to be fair in some of these cases or not, you had been for too many years and still were too great and too effective a patriot for any such withdrawal or lessening of moral support to be justified. And I am sure that you would find our treatment of **MASTERS OF DECEIT**, in **AMERICAN OPINION**, one of the most favorable which the book received.

Hon. J. Edgar Hoover

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May 3, 1960

All of this, as I am sure you have surmised, is merely an introduction to saying that I should like very much to have a chance for at least a brief visit with you; and that I should be glad to go to Washington for that purpose, at any time which would be convenient for yourself, if the time set did not conflict with some important speaking engagement which I had already made beforehand. And instead of going through one or more of these friends of mine, I decided it was certainly simpler and probably better for me merely to write directly to yourself.

I shall be glad to hear from you, also at your convenience, and shall be looking forward very much to seeing you and talking with you, if the opportunity is offered. In the meantime, with my continuing admiration and kind regards, I am

Sincerely,

Robert Welch

RW:mlp

Robert Welch

1 - Mr. Simpson

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May 16, 1960

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[redacted]
Nashville 12, Tennessee

Dear Mr. [redacted]

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Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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I - Memphis (Enclosure)

ATTENTION: SAC, MEMPHIS

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Mr. Jack M. Smith

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent states he has become interested in the work of the John Birch Society but desires to find out what the FBI has been able to discover about the functions, beliefs and organization of this Society. He requests a documented letter as proof of our "research" regarding the Society.

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THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

INCORPORATED

Belmont 78, Massachusetts

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Founder

ROBERT WELCH

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Washington 25, D. C.

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I need this information immediately and your prompt attention to this matter would be greatly appreciated.

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Belmont 78, Massachusetts

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Nashville 12, Tennessee
May 4, 1960

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D. C.

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/s/ [Redacted]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : *J.H.* SAC, SAN DIEGO (100-12079)

SUBJECT: THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

DATE: 5/18/60

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EXEMPTION CODE 25X(1)
DATE 11-29-2012

Per OGA letter dated 11/14/2012

Re SAC Letter #60-5, 1/26/60.

(S) On 5/18/60, [redacted] CIA representative [redacted] stated he had received information from [redacted] to the effect that there are persons [redacted] who are interested in forming a branch of [redacted] captioned society in this area. b1 b3 b6 per CIA

(S) According to [redacted] the individual most interested in this organization [redacted] is [redacted] b1 b3

(S) Others interested are [redacted] and [redacted] b6 per CIA

San Diego indices contain no identifiable information to the aforementioned individuals with the exception of [redacted] who was previously a PSI. According to a U. S. Immigration and Naturalization report, [redacted] was reported to be, perhaps, a "pro-Nazi" but is very "anti-communist". [redacted]

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(S) According to [redacted] these individuals have met with other persons on several occasions but have not held any formal group meetings. At these get-togethers certain tape recordings were played. These apparently were prepared by ROBERT H. WELCH, JR, creator of the John Birch Society.

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[redacted] had no additional information concerning the society or the persons mentioned above.

No investigation is being conducted in accord with Bureau instructions set forth in referenced SAC Letter.

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1 - Mr. Simpson

May 19, 1960

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[redacted] Santa Monica, California [redacted]

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter dated May 9, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

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Sincerely yours,

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Director

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1 - Los Angeles (Enclosure) (SEE NOTE)

ATTENTION: SAC, LOS ANGELES

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Mrs. [redacted]

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MRS. [REDACTED]

SANTA MONICA, CALIFORNIA

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington D.C.

May 9, 1960

Robert H. W. Welch Jr.

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Respectfully yours,

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Respectfully yours,

/s/ [REDACTED]

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1 - Mr. Farrow

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Mr. [redacted]
Rosan, Incorporated
2901 West Coast Highway
Newport Beach, California

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Dear Mr.

Your letter dated May 10, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiries, I must advise that it has been a long-standing policy of this Bureau not to comment upon the character or integrity of any individual, organization or publication. The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not issue clearances or nonclearances.

While I would like to be of assistance to you, I am unable to suggest a source from which the information you have requested may be obtained.

Sincerely yours,

**John Edgar Hoover
Director**

MAILED 31
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1. - Los Angeles (Enclosure)

SEE NOTE TO SAC, LOS ANGELES, PAGE TWO

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ATTENTION: SAC, LOS ANGELES

Enclosed is a copy of correspondent's communication. Bureau files contain no identifiable data concerning the correspondent.

Information concerning the John Birch Society is contained in SAC Letter 60-5.

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent requests information concerning the John Birch Society and its founder, Mr. Robert Welch. He states he is in accord with the views and objectives of this Society but would like to know more about the leadership of the organization. He asks for sources through which he can inquire concerning the background of Mr. Welch.

The John Birch Society was founded by Robert H. W~~X~~ Welch, Jr., of Belmont, Massachusetts, in December, 1958, at Indianapolis, Indiana. It is allegedly an anticommunist organization having branches in various parts of the country. It has not been investigated by the Bureau. Welch has been critical of President Eisenhower and his administration. SAC Letter 60-5 called this organization to the attention of the field and instructed that any information received concerning its activities should be promptly furnished the Bureau.

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May 10, 1960

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

INDIANAPOLIS, IND.

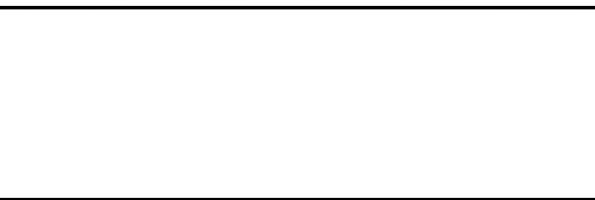
I have recently become very interested in the John Birch Society which, I believe, was originated by Mr. Robert Welch of Belmont, Massachusetts.

I would appreciate very much knowing something concrete about this organization (not merely that it does not appear on the Attorney General's list), and the sources which the Bureau would recommend for my inquiring into the background of Mr. Welch. I am very much in accord with the views, objectives, and operations of this society, but because of the manner in which they operate, it is imperative to me that I know much more about the gentlemen heading up the organization. I also believe that there must be some way for a person to appraise people and organizations which influence our political views, and hence I am turning to the Bureau for guidance.

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Thank you in advance, I will await your reply.

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CORRESPONDENCE

1 - Mr. Simpson

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62-104401-101

May 20, 1960

Santa Ana, California

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DATE 8/4/04 BY SP/SA/mke

Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter dated May 10, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

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Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

1 - Los Angeles

ATTENTION: SAC, LOS ANGELES

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Correspondent advised that he has been asked to join the John Birch Society of Belmont, Massachusetts. He is interested in supporting any organization which opposes the communist movement as long as the organization is beyond reproach. He requested the Bureau furnish him any information concerning this society. Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning the correspondent.

Information concerning the John Birch Society is contained in SAC Letter 60-5.

62 MAY 27 1960
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Mr. [redacted]

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(1) The John Birch Society was formed by Robert H. W. Welch, Jr., of Belmont, Massachusetts, in December, 1958, in Indianapolis, Indiana. It is allegedly an anticommunist organization having branches in various parts of the country. Welch has been critical of President Eisenhower and his administration. Above SAC Letter calls this organization to the attention of the field and instructs that any information received concerning its activities should be promptly furnished to the Bureau.

[REDACTED] 3-1-1
Santa Ana, California
May 10, 1960 11-1

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Sirs:

(1) I have been asked to join the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, Belmont 38, Massachusetts. This organization was founded and is controlled rather completely by Mr. Robert Welch, a former candy manufacturer.

I am interested in supporting any organization that has as its purpose the exposure of the communist movement just so long as the organization, itself, is beyond reproach.

Can you supply me with any information in this matter.

Sincerely yours

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104401)

DATE: 5/24/60

SAC, SEATTLE (100-24754)

SUBJECT: ROBERT H. WELCH, JR.
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 5/24/01 BY [signature]

Re SAC Letter No. 60-5, dated 1/26/60.

On May 16, 1960, Mr. [redacted]
 [redacted] Seattle, Washington, appeared at the
 Seattle office to volunteer the following information
 regarding The John Birch Society.

Mr. [redacted] stated that he attended an
 impromptu meeting at the home of [redacted]
 [redacted] S. W. on May 14, 1960 at which time a
 [redacted] (phonetic) led a discussion highlighted by
 a tape recording by ROBERT H. WELCH, JR.

In the tape, WELCH set out a goal of
 "Less Government, More Responsibility, and a Better
 World." [redacted] was said to point out that membership
 dues for the Society would be two dollars for men and
 one dollar for women to be paid monthly; that the
 Society would be divided into regional chapters consisting
 of twenty to twentyfive members with a headquarters office
 in Belmont, Massachusetts.

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Mr. [redacted] quoted Mrs. [redacted] as saying that
 within two years the communists will have control of
 the United States, using armed aggression as a last
 resort to their goal. [redacted] stated that this
 statement prompted him to come to the office to report
 the matter, coupled with the fact that he recently
 completed his military obligation where he learned the
 seriousness of the communist threat. He stated that his
 father is signed up to receive a booklet on The John
 Birch Society and will make it available to this office.

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Shortly after Mr. [] visit, a Mrs. [] telephonically contacted the office to inquire if The John Birch Society was a subversive organization. She stated that she now belongs to a chapter of the Society in Seattle and feels that it is an organization with American ideals and was seeking information concerning it so that she could tell her friends.

Indices of the Seattle Office contain no reference to []

It is believed that the "Mr. [] referred to is Mr. [] Washington."

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Indices of the Seattle Office contain several references to Mr. [] all of which reflect that he is intensely anti-communist. He has visited the Seattle Office on several occasions and has addressed communications to this office. He has always expressed great admiration for the Director and he holds the Bureau in the highest esteem. He furnished this office with a copy of a letter which he had sent to MIKE WALLACE which was forwarded to the Bureau by Seattle letter dated May 14, 1958 captioned "Television Interview Between MIKE WALLACE and CYRUS EATON over American Broadcasting Company facilities on May 3, 1958."

Mr. [] has also mailed out cards and pamphlets expressing personal opposition to any further summit meetings with NIKITA KHRUSHCHEV because he feels that the United States stands only to lose in any further dealing with the head of a godless, traitorous, Russian communist state.

The only reference in the Seattle indices to a [] is that on February 14, 1959 he was reported as trying to enlist a complainant in membership in the Constitution Party by explaining that this Party stands for the repeal of the income tax, lowering of business taxes, as well as other similar types of proposals in the nature of reducing government spending.

SE 100-24754

The Bureau will be furnished with any further information received concerning the activities of The John Birch Society, Seattle Chapter, as it is received.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, Milwaukee (100-13540)

SUBJECT: JACK BIRCH SOCIETY
INFO CONCERNING - IS

DATE: 5/23/60

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On 4/18/60 interview was had with Mr. and Mrs. MILTON C. SPEARBRAKER, 908 Royal Boulevard, Green Bay, Wis. It appears that the information furnished on this interview to SA EDWARD E. CONVERSE pertains to the JOHN Birch Society, referred to in SAC Letter 60-5, dated 1/26/60, paragraph C, captioned "ROBERT H. WELCH, Jr. - INFO CONCERNING IS."

The following information was furnished.

MILTON C. SPEARBRAKER is a retired NCO-CNC, Cryptography Section of the US Navy. He states he retired in 1950 after 22 years of service. He is presently employed teaching printing at the Wis. State Reformatory, Green Bay, Wis. Mrs. SPEARBRAKER is a housewife. Both advised that for the past several years they have been acquainted with a neighbor of theirs, one [redacted] St., Green Bay, Wis., whose [redacted]

[redacted] Recently approached Mr. and Mrs. SPEARBRAKER, telling them he had been appointed or designated, they were not sure which, as a "group leader" of 20 or more people in the Jack Birch Society in Green Bay, Wis. b6 b7c

Mr. and Mrs. [redacted] merely mentioned that a group of people were forming on the west side of Green Bay to read books, report what they read, listened to speeches that were taped to get facts concerning Communism and to fight Communism. The nation-wide leader of this group was mentioned by the [redacted] as a man named JACK WELCH and the society had some connection to the "Jack" Birch Society. JACK BIRCH was described by the [redacted] as a man who had escaped from some Communist country and his cause was being espoused by JACK WELCH for the purpose of acquainting the American public with the evils of Communism. Neither of the SPEARBRAKERS recognized this as the John Birch Society, stating the [redacted] referred to it as the Jack Birch Society.

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1 - Milwaukee (100-13540)
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The [redacted] declined to identify the other people joining the group and gave the impression that this information was either secret or confidential though they did not so state.

Mrs. SPEARBRAKER advised she had specifically asked the [redacted] whether the Jack Birch Society was already organized or was going to be organized and did not get a specific answer. She stated she gained the impression that [redacted] who talks a lot, actually was trying to hold himself out as leader of such a group whereas, in fact, it was her opinion the group had not been organized as yet but would be organized if [redacted] succeeded in getting anyone to come to meetings.

The following information concerning [redacted] was furnished.

[redacted] is an employee of the Wis. Public Service Co. in Green Bay, Wis., and has been for many years. He is about 30 years of age and is employed as a business machine operator. He is reputed to be a genius, having an extremely high IQ. He is a very difficult individual to get along with and at the present time is not on speaking terms with any one of the neighbors in the neighborhood. He is known to have a violent temper, to be extremely disagreeable and to be a joiner in that he has spoken of belonging to many different groups interested in Government or civic affairs. He apparently belongs to these groups a short while and falls out with them and leaves. He and his wife have periodic fallings out and periodic fights and both have been previously married and divorced. He was described as follows:

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Age	30-32	B. APPROX. 19
Height	5'10"	
Weight	150	
Build	Slender	
Hair	Dark and curly	
Complexion	Dark	
Sex	Male	
Race	Reportedly one-quarter Cherokee Indian	
Employment	Has been employed by Wis. Public Service Co. for many years in [redacted] original home town, Oshkosh, Wis. and presently in Green Bay, Wis.	
Characteristics	Wears mustache dyed black	

MI 100-13540

Mr. and Mrs. SPEARBRAKER advised they would attempt to ascertain whether a group actually had been organized and would advise this office of any developments.

On 5/20/60 Mrs. MILTON SPEARBRAKER advised that, since last interviewed, she and her husband are no longer on speaking terms with the [redacted] that there apparently have been no meetings of any kind at his house, and they have heard no further word of the organization of a society of any sort.

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~~Wrights City Directory for Green Bay, Wis. 1958 lists~~ [redacted]
[redacted] business machine operator,
Wis. Public Service Co., residence [redacted]

Green Bay, Wis.

Records of the Green Bay PD, as presented by Detective Captain [redacted] contained no mention of [redacted]

Indices of Milwaukee Office contain no mention of [redacted]
or [redacted]

Mr. and Mrs. SPEARBRAKER both advised that, in the event they receive any further information on this matter, they will contact this office.

No investigation is being conducted.

1 - Mr. Simpson

May 26, 1960

REC-59

62-104401-104

EX-10

Mr. [REDACTED]
B-C Grain Company, Inc.
Post Office Box 283
Pecos, Texas

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ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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DATE 5/24/04 BY SP4/bjm/jm

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]:

Your letter dated May 18, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiries, I must advise that it has been a long-standing policy of this Bureau not to comment upon the character or integrity of any individual, organization or publication. The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not issue clearances or nonclearances.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

I - El Paso

ATTENTION: SAC, EL PASO

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Correspondent stated he was interested in hearing from the Bureau concerning the John Birch Society which came to his attention several weeks ago in such a way that he feels the need for more information. He requests the Bureau's opinion concerning the Society as well as its founder and leader, Mr. Robert Welch. Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning the correspondent. FBI

Information concerning the John Birch Society is contained in SAC Letter 60-5.

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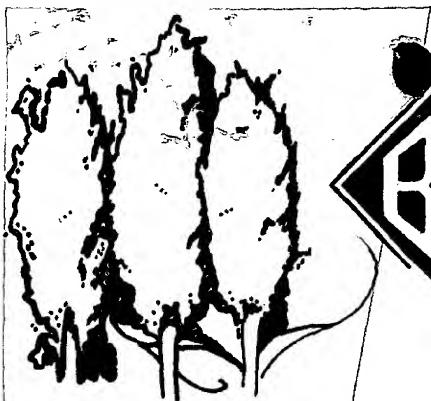
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Mr. [redacted]

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

The John Birch Society was founded by Robert H. W. Welch, Jr., of Belmont, Massachusetts, in December, 1958, at Indianapolis, Indiana. It is allegedly an anticommunist organization having branches in various parts of the country. It has not been investigated by the Bureau. Welch has been critical of President Eisenhower and his administration. SAC Letter 60-5 called this organization to the attention of the field and instructed that any information received concerning its activities should be promptly furnished the Bureau.



B-C *Grain Co. Inc.*
P. O. BOX 283 HICKORY 5-2578
PECOS, TEXAS

May 18, 1960

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover;

I am very much interested in hearing from you in regard
to The John Burch Society.

This society came to my attention about two weeks ago,
and in such a way that I feel the need for more information.
I would like to hear your opinion on The John
Burch Society, and its founder and leader Mr. Robert
Welch.

I thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

Yours Sincerely,

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Memorandum

TO DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE 5/19/60

FROM SAC, DALLAS (62-0-10432)

SUBJECT JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING

REC-76

On 5/13/60, Mrs. [redacted] Dallas, Texas, telephone [redacted] advised SA JAMES P. HOSTY, JR., she had attended a meeting of the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY on 5/10/60. This meeting was presided over by [redacted] who resided on [redacted] in Dallas. This meeting consisted of the showing of three thirty-minute films on this organization which is reputed to be a secret anti-Communist organization. Mrs. [redacted] advised this organization publishes a publication known as "American Opinion". Mr. [redacted] advised he had eight organizers in the State of Texas, and that former Bureau Agent DAN SMOOTH was backing this organization.

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The above is being furnished to the Bureau for their information.

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1 - Dallas
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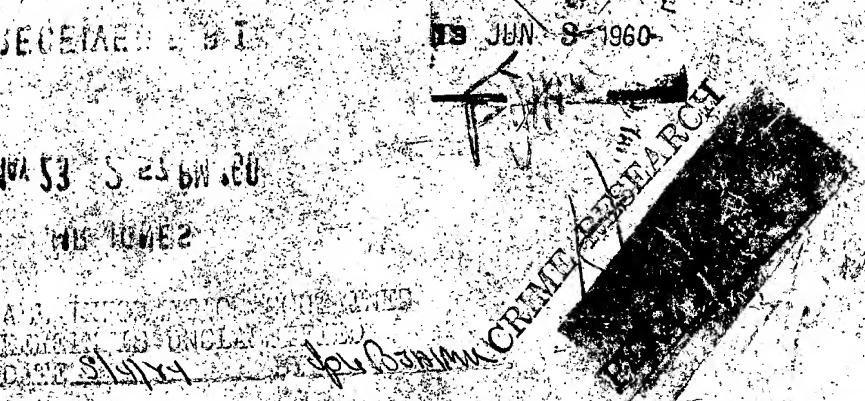
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR FBI (62-104401)

DATE: 6/2/60

FROM : SAC KANSAS CITY (62-)

SUBJECT: ROBERT H. WELCH, JR.
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 8/11/20 BY SP/SP

DATE 5/4/84 BY DR BJA/mce

In accordance with SAC letters 59-13 and 60-5, the following is submitted:

Mr. FRED C. KOCH, Wichita, Kansas business and oil leader, recently volunteered he had contributed considerable money and support to WELCH, felt the JOHN BIRCH Society was the only group he had found interested in overcoming the drift to Socialism in the United States, and he hoped to organize a chapter of the Society in the Wichita area soon.

Mr. KOCH is identified from a limited biography appearing in the local press on May 6, 1960 in connection with the announcement he was to address the graduating class of the University of Wichita in June 1960, as a 1922 Chemical Engineering Graduate of M.I.T. and a resident of Wichita since 1925. He first became a member of The Winkler-Koch Engineering Company. This company built refineries in many countries of the world, including Russia, France, England, the Near East and Canada. In connection with his work and for pleasure, KOCH has traveled in every continent and many countries of the world. He is presently Chairman of the Board of the Koch Engineering Company and President of the Rock Island Oil and Refining Company, Inc. KOCH also serves as a Director of the First National Bank in Wichita, the Coleman Company, Great Northern Oil Company of St. Paul, Great Northern Oil Purchasing Company and the South Saskatchewan Pipe Line Company of Regina, Canada. KOCH was scheduled to talk to the graduating class on the subject of "Our Precious Heritage and Our Future".

MAURICE CORCORAN, Managing Director of the Wichita Crime Commission, former FBI Agent and frequent contact of Mr. KOCH,

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ROBERT H. WELCH, JR.
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reported on May 10, 1960 he understood from conversation with Mr. KOCH that attempts were being made to form two chapters of the John Birch Society in the Wichita area. [redacted] and OWEN MCEWEN, both long time residents of Wichita, with vast business holdings in this area, were identified as potential members. In addition, [redacted] a local manufacturer, was also mentioned as a potential member.

On recent date while SA [redacted] was in business establishment of [redacted] at Bluff and Kellogg, Wichita, [redacted] conversation was overheard concerning the John Birch Society. [redacted] was apparently a great believer in WELCH and his announced program. [redacted] noted [redacted] had some literature of a minor nature which he was apparently passing to his customers. There is no known connection between [redacted] and KOCH or other names mentioned herein.

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The current city directory for Wichita lists [redacted] a barber at [redacted]. His residence is recorded as [redacted]
[redacted] Wichita, Kansas.

In accordance with Bureau instructions, no investigation is being undertaken in this matter, however pertinent developments coming to the attention of the office in usual course of business will be reported to the Bureau.

For ready reference, refer to Kansas City letter 1/11/60, captioned WICHITA EVENING EAGLE, Wichita, Kansas. The FRED C. KOCH mentioned therein is identical with the FRED C. KOCH mentioned herein.

1 - Mr. Farrow

June 3, 1960

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62-104401-107

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Columbus 21, Ohio

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ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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DATE 8/4/84 BY SP/BLB/jmk

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

Your letter postmarked May 28, 1960,
has been received, and the interest which prompted
your communication is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiry, I must
advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities
of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations
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John Edgar Hoover
Director

1 - Cincinnati (Enclosure)

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NOTE TO SAC, CINCINNATI, CONTINUED:

Information concerning the John Birch Society is contained in SAC Letter 60-5.

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent requests information concerning the John Birch Society. He states he would feel better about joining this organization if he knew it had been approved by the Bureau.

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Columbus 21, Ohio

Mr. John Birch Society

What information can you give me
about an anti communist organization
called "The John Birch Society?"

My wife & I were invited to attend a
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[redacted]
Columbus 21, Ohio

Sirs:

What information can you give me about an anti communist organization called "The John Birch Society."

My wife & I were invited to attend a meeting of their organizers in which a film was shown of the founder Robert Welch giving a speech. The speech seemed indeed anti communist. I would however feel better about joining this society if I knew it was fully examined by your department and approved.

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Sincerely

/s/ [redacted]

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Transmit the following in

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Via AIRTEL

AIR MAIL - REGISTERED

(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104401)

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-59001)

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, INC.
BELMONT, MASSACHUSETTS
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Remylets 2/3/60 and 5/2/60; re SAC Letter 60-5
dated 1/26/60.

Attached for the Bureau's further information is letterhead memorandum concerning current activities of the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY (JBS) in the Los Angeles area.

Copies are furnished to San Francisco and San Diego for information.

Also enclosed are copies of a one-sheet biographical sketch of ROBERT H. W. WELCH and a two-sheet statement of purposes of the JBS.

Information furnished in paragraphs 1-4 is from

[redacted]
[redacted] but acquainted sketchily with general Los Angeles activities of JBS.

ENCLOSURE

Source of information in paragraphs 5-8 is Mrs. [redacted]

active in Pasadena JBS affairs.

REC-93 62-104401-108

③ - Bureau (AIR MAIL) (REGISTERED) (Encl. 12)

1 - San Diego (INFO) (REGISTERED) (Encl. 2)

1 - San Francisco (INFO) (REGISTERED) (Encl. 2)

4 - Los Angeles (100-59001) (100-43372 - CINAL)

(100-57750 - ROBERT H. W. WELCH, JR.)

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Approved:

Special Agent in Charge

6-7-60
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DATE 5-6-96 BY SP4-BJA/jm #357,439

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Source of information paragraph 9 to the end is
[redacted] Armed Forces Retired Reserve,
[redacted] of "Western Publications,"
who is not known to be a member of the JBS.

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The attached letterhead memorandum is classified
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Los Angeles, California

June 1, 1960

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JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, INC.

A source who has furnished reliable information in the past has advised that there are several chapters of the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY in the Los Angeles area, some in the general Pasadena section (specific number not known to source) and similarly in Beverly Hills, Long Beach, San Fernando Valley, Palos Verdes Peninsula, as well as a chapter in Santa Barbara, California.

It is source's understanding that the Society has two paid coordinators in the state of California and several voluntary unpaid coordinators. Such a paid coordinator is [redacted] Berkeley, California, who travels through the state on Society business. The source stated he understands an assistant or voluntary and unpaid coordinator for JBS is [redacted]

[redacted] Palos Verdes Estates, a [redacted]
[redacted] is attached to Chapter 88, Palos Verdes Estates.

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[redacted] Source furnished a recent informal notice signed by [redacted] encouraging Chapter 88 members to do a number of things, such as write to DAG HAMMARSKJOELD and HENRY CABOT LODGE, United Nations, New York City, to ask, "Who murdered BANG-JENSEN?" [redacted] also urged members to write to Senator THOMAS J. DODD, Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C., encouraging an investigation of the BANG-JENSEN case by the Senate Internal Security Committee. [redacted] letter further urged JBS members to contact three major airlines (American, United and Eastern) to place the weekly political newsletter "Human Events" in their passenger planes.

Other activity urged by [redacted] is to "mail cards and letters regarding the Summit Conference--'Stay away U.S.A. The summit leads to disaster.'" JBS Chapter 88 members were also urged to have lists of conservatives ready for the next chapter

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meeting and to read listed books: MATT CVETIC's "The Big Decision," CROCKETT's "Roosevelt's Road to Russia" and WIDENER's "Behind the U.N. Front."

Source said another person active in the JBS in the Palos Verdes area is [redacted] with the Union Carbide Chemicals Co., division of Union Carbide Corporation, 3651 Del Amo Boulevard, Torrance, California.

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This source also advised that he understood that the JBS Beverly Hills chapter includes the following members: JOHN WAYNE, noted Hollywood producer; HEDDA HOPPER, nationally-known movie columnist; RONALD REAGAN, prominent actor and television personality; ZASU PITTS, Hollywood actress; ADOLPH MENJOU, Hollywood actor; and MORRIE RYSKIND, Hollywood screen and playwright.

Another source who has furnished reliable information in the past has advised that the initial Los Angeles JBS Chapter No. 48, recently founded in Pasadena, California, has generated in the past months to include the following: Pasadena - two chapters; South Pasadena - one chapter; Altadena - one chapter; La Crescenta - one chapter; San Marino - one chapter.

This source stated attempts have been made in the above-mentioned Pasadena area specifically to interest members of the Junior League, which comprises among others young matrons of socially-prominent families, and that some success in this regard was made.

This source additionally advised that the original tapes of ROBERT WELCH's discussion of the foundation and aims of the JBS in 1959 have now been converted to a sound film currently in use to interest potential recruits.

MRS. Source further advised that a recent notable member of the JBS in the Los Angeles area is Mrs. ALBERTA CHANDLER, wife of PHILIP CHANDLER, Executive Vice President, Times-Mirror Co., 202 West First St., Los Angeles. Source described Mrs. CHANDLER as an enthusiastic and diligent JBS addition. The CHANDLER family in Los Angeles has been long identified with the "Los Angeles Times," metropolitan daily newspaper.

Re: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, INC.

This source also indicated that one of the major activities of the JBS in recent months was nationally to alert legislators and principals of the federal government by mail and otherwise to avoid a Summit Conference with the Soviet. Source said that mail in the thousands was used by JBS in this campaign.

Another source who was in a position to furnish reliable information but with whom insufficient contact has been had to determine reliability has advised that he attended a recent two-day recruiting session of JBS in the Los Angeles area chaired by ROBERT H. W. WELCH, Jr., founder of the Society.

About forty people attended from 9:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. with WELCH discoursing lengthily on the aims and concepts of the Society. This source recognized among those present BRUCE REGAN, California State Assemblyman from Pasadena, and [redacted] General Plant Protection Co., 2515 West Seventh St., Los Angeles.

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Source noted that Mr. WELCH declined to state the number of members or the identity of local chapters of JBS. *10 ALIF*

WELCH emphasized the Society's concept of less government, more responsibility with a resultant better world.

According to source, dues are \$24 annually or \$2 a month; and chapter membership is limited to twenty, upon attainment of which a new chapter is formed.

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December 1, 1958

ROBERT WELCH

Robert H. Welch, Jr.

Born December 1, 1899, on a farm in Chowan County, North Carolina. Ancestry, full of farmers and Baptist preachers, traceable to one Miles Welch who came to this country from Wales in 1720. Educated at University of North Carolina (four years), United States Naval Academy (two years), Harvard Law School (two years), and school of hard knocks (about forty years). Came to Boston from North Carolina in 1919. Has ^{Ma} ^{for eight} lived in Belmont for the past twenty years. Has one wife, two sons, a Golden Retriever dog, and fourteen golf clubs -- none of which he ^{Ind} stands.

Has spent a great part of his life getting from where he was to where he wasn't, for reasons which seemed worthwhile at the time. This includes two trips to England specifically to study the effects of the Socialist government; one trip around the world; and fairly extensive additional traveling in North America, South America, Europe, and Asia.

Author of THE ROAD TO SALESMANSHIP, published in 1941 by the Ronald Press Company; of MAY GOD FORGIVE US, published in 1952 by Henry Regnery Company; and of THE LIFE OF JOHN BIRCH, published in 1954 by Henry Regnery Company. Is editor and publisher of AMERICAN OPINION, a monthly magazine which reviews current events and appraises contemporary leaders on the world-wide stage. Has done much public speaking, and will climb on a soapbox to argue against the evils of socialism whenever anybody will listen.

Has been in the candy manufacturing business all of his adult life. Was for many years Vice-President, in charge of sales and advertising, of James O. Welch Company, with factories in Cambridge, Massachusetts, Mansfield, Massachusetts, and Los Angeles, California; and of its subsidiary sales corporations in Atlanta, Pittsburgh, Chicago, Los Angeles, and Seattle. Is a director of one bank, and has served as a director of several other business corporations.

Was a member of the board of directors of the National Association of Manufacturers for seven years. Also served three years as a regional vice-president of NAM, and two years as chairman of its Educational Advisory Committee. Has been active in many other business associations and committees, and in many community and educational activities -- including service on the Belmont School Committee.

As of January 1, 1957, Mr. Welch gave up most of his business responsibilities -- and most of his income -- in order to devote practically all of his time and energy to the anti-Communist cause. Believes that the only thing the Communist now fear is having the truth become widely known, to the American people, about the methods and the progress of the whole international Communist conspiracy. For his readers or his listeners, Mr. Welch simply puts together clear but separate facts about the Communist advance, so that their significance becomes more apparent. Through this method he is trying to wake up as many of his fellow citizens as he can, to the horror and the imminence of the dangers which they face.

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THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
Belmont 78, Massachusetts

A preliminary and condensed statement

July 4, 1959

What is The John Birch Society?

It is an organization of Americans who have voluntarily joined together: (1) To combat more effectively the evil forces which now threaten our country, our lives and our civilization; (2) to prevail upon our fellow citizens to start pulling out of the deepening morass of collectivism, and then climb up the mountain to higher levels of individual freedom and responsibility than man has ever achieved before; and (3), to restore, with brighter lustre and deeper conviction, the faith-inspired morality, the spiritual sense of values, and the gloriously humane traditions, on which our western civilization has been built. The long-range objective of the Society has been officially summarized as less government, more responsibility, and a better world.

What is its origin and history?

The John Birch Society was founded by Robert Welch, at a meeting in Indianapolis, on December 9, 1958. It now has local working chapters in six states, and additional chapters are being formed every week. Its immediate goal is fifteen hundred working chapters by December 31, 1959.

There is also a Home Chapter, which maintains contact with its members and coordinates their activities entirely by mail. There are already members of this Home Chapter in about twenty states, and the list includes many of the most influential and highly regarded men and women in our country.

Who is John Birch?

John Birch is dead. He was a young Christian missionary, from a farm near Macon, Georgia, who was in China when we entered World War II. He joined Chennault's forces as a volunteer, organized Chennault's intelligence, rose to the rank of captain in the U. S. Army, and served with unsurpassable bravery and brilliance throughout the war. Ten days after V-J day, while in uniform, on a peaceful and official mission for our government, he was brutally murdered in cold blood by our "allies," the Chinese Communists. You have probably never heard of John Birch, simply because the Communists in Washington planned it that way. We believe that his short but outstanding and memorable life so typifies the best of America that we have named our organization in his memory.

How are chapters of the Society formed?

In order to explain, fully and clearly, the background, methods, and purposes of The John Birch Society, Mr. Welch prefers to hold two-day meetings. For we are digging far more deeply into the problems we face, and building far more solidly in our coordinated effort to overcome the destructive forces around us, than the loose word "organization" is likely to suggest. And many of these full two-day meetings have already been held with small groups in different parts of the country.

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But this presentation has also been compressed into a six-hour recording, duplicates of which are now being played back to small groups almost every day. {With short recesses, or coffee breaks and a luncheon break, the actual time required is about eight hours.} In this presentation Mr. Welch attempts: (1) To outline the nature and the frightening advance of the threats against our nation, our religion, and our civilization; (2) to evaluate these dangers, and place them in their proper perspective, against the backdrop of world history and the rise of western civilization; (3) to set forth a positive philosophy and program to which men of good will, religious ideals, and humane traditions may rally with confidence and determination; (4) to offer leadership which can make the dedication of such men and women more constructive and more fruitful; and (5), to describe in detail the organization, function, and procedures of The John Birch Society.

Why haven't I heard more about The John Birch Society?

Partly because it is still so young. But mainly because we avoid all publicity as far as is practicable. It is our purpose to build strength and understanding, not to create noise.

What is expected of its members?

A great deal. You should not join The John Birch Society unless you are truly dedicated to the cause of less government, more responsibility, and a better world. Many of the specific actions requested of our members must, necessarily, seem relatively unimportant. But the sum total of them all, faithfully carried out by all of our members, will become increasingly important indeed. Not one of us can be afraid of the drudgery of actual work, for "without drudgery all of our dreams are dust."

Enclosed with this memorandum will be a bulletin of the Society for a recent month. That bulletin will make clear, by illustration, some of the specific things, and the kind of things, our members are asked to do. But one bulletin can tell only a small part of the story. And all bulletins together, for many months, would merely emphasize what we want our members to do, without stressing what we want our members to be, which is more important. The enabling aspects of membership will become apparent only with time, and with a full understanding of the Society's aspirations for its members and itself.

How may I join The John Birch Society?

You may apply for membership in the Home Chapter at any time, by signing the enclosed form and mailing it to us with a year's dues. If the application is not approved, of course your dues will be returned. If it is approved, you will be welcomed into a brotherhood of men and women devoted to an inspiring cause.

As soon as a local working chapter is established in your area, your membership may be transferred to that chapter if you wish. Or if you become sufficiently interested and dedicated to act as a Chapter Leader, and to form a local chapter yourself, we shall be glad to give you all necessary information, guidance, and cooperation.

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SAC, Los Angeles (100-59001)

June 7, 1960

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JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, INC.
INFORMATION CONCERNING
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A review of the information in reairtel and the memorandum enclosure thereto discloses that the information did not warrant transmittal to the Bureau by airtel; is not the type of material to be designated as "Cinal" material; and the material contained in the memorandum enclosure does not warrant the "Confidential" security classification. The fact that the information was received from a panel source does not justify the security classification. It is also noted that the character of reairtel was listed as "SA-X." The character for transmitting information concerning captioned society should be carried as "Information Concerning, (Internal Security)."

Offices receiving instant communication are instructed to declassify the memorandum enclosure to reairtel. Bureau copies have been declassified.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: June 8, 1960

FROM : ~~CMK~~ SAC, Birmingham (66-1907)SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, INC.
Belmont 78, Massachusetts
INFORMATION CONCERNINGALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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DATE 3/4/94 BY SP/BSB/mw

On June 7, 1960, Mr. RAYMOND HURLBERT, General Manager, Educational Television Network (Channel 10), Protective Life Building, Birmingham, Alabama, telephonically requested information concerning captioned organization. He advised that a friend of his referred the organization to him, and the friend advised that a Mr. ROBERT WELSH, formerly with the National Association of Manufacturers, was founder of the organization. The organization purports to be antiCommunist and supposedly organized in order to alert the public on matters which are JOHN BIRCH subversive and which the general public takes casually. SOCIETY, INC.

Mr. HURLBERT could not furnish any further information, and he was courteously advised that the FBI could not furnish him any information concerning the organization. He requested information as to whether or not the organization was designated by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450. He was advised that he should direct his inquiry to the Department of Justice, attention Subversive Organization Section, Internal Security Division.

Mr. HURLBERT was very appreciative, and he advised that he would like to have a list of the organizations designated by the Attorney General and he would request such a list from the Department.

The above is furnished for the Bureau's information and no further inquiry will be made concerning JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, INC., UACB.

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1 - Mrs. Simpson

June 10, 1960

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Mrs. [redacted]

Houston 19, Texas

Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter dated May 31, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiry, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not issue clearances or nonclearances.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

1 - Houston (enclosure)

ATTENTION: SAC, HOUSTON

Enclosed is a copy of correspondent's communication. Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning the correspondent.

Information concerning the John Birch Society is contained in SAC Letter 60-5.

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent advised that recently several of her friends have joined the John Birch Society and she and her husband have attended a recent meeting. Although agreeing with some of their arguments, they have reservations about others. She states that they not only want to resist communism in this country but want to do something to revitalize interest in our "freedoms." She, therefore, inquires if the John Birch Society is the answer.

The John Birch Society was formed by Robert H. W. Welch, Jr., of Belmont, Massachusetts, in December, 1958, in Indianapolis, Indiana. It is allegedly an anticommunist organization having branches in various parts of the country. Welch has been critical of President Eisenhower and his administration. Above SAC Letter calls this organization to the attention of the field and instructs that any information received concerning its activities should be promptly furnished to the Bureau.

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May 31, 1960

J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover,

Recently several of our friends have joined the John Birch Society and my husband and I attended a meeting to get new members. We agreed with some of their arguments and aims but we had definite reservations about others.

Today, in our terribly complicated world, you hear constantly about Communist duplicity and the extremes they will use to accomplish their ends, and patriotic groups are almost daily being exposed as Communist front organizations. It is hard to know who or what to believe.

Ack.
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We not only want to resist Communism in this country, but we feel we must do something to revitalize interest in our "freedoms"; that we take so much for granted and that we are gradually losing by default through complacency.

Is the John Birch Society the answer? We look to you as an authority on fighting Communism and would appreciate it if you could alleviate some of our confusion.

Sincerely yours,

[Redacted]

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Houston, 19, Tex.)

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May 31, 1960

J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover,

Recently several of our friends have joined the John Birch Society and my husband and I attended a meeting to get new members. We agreed with some of their arguments and aims but we had definite reservations about others.

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Sincerely yours,

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Houston, 19, Tex.)

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Mr. [redacted]

PC

Eagle River, Wisconsin

Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter dated May 26, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

While I would like to be of assistance, information in our files is maintained as confidential and available only for official use in accordance with a regulation of the Department of Justice. I regret, therefore, that I am unable to comply with your request for information. I am sure you will understand the necessity for this policy and will not infer that we do or do not have in our files the information you desire.

In the event that you receive information which you believe to be of interest to the FBI, you may desire to communicate directly with the Special Agent in Charge of our Milwaukee Office located at 735 U. S. P. O. Customs and Court house building, Milwaukee 2, Wisconsin.

Your kind personal remarks are most gratifying, and I trust that the work of this Bureau will continue to merit your support.

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Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
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1 - Milwaukee (enclosure)

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Mr. [redacted]

ATTENTION: SAC, MILWAUKEE

Enclosed is a copy of correspondent's communication. Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning the correspondent.

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent was a friend and supporter of the late Senator McCarthy. He states that it is rumored that there are approximately 70 registered communists in his county and requests the identity of these individuals. He advises that Senator McCarthy, while living, furnished him with such information. Correspondent states he would like to talk with a Bureau representative. He expresses appreciation for the dedicated work of the Director.

Although correspondent indicates a desire to talk with a representative of the Bureau, it is not believed desirable to have an Agent contact him inasmuch as his letter indicates he desires to receive information rather than to give information.

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Mr. Mohr
Mr. Parsons
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Callahan
Mr. DeLoach
Mr. Malone
Mr. McGuire
Mr. Rosen
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May 26, 1960

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director, FBI
Washington, DC

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

By way of introduction, I was a friend and supporter of Senator McCarthy. I have been in Washington only once, as a guest of Senator and Mrs. McCarthy about a month before Joe died.

At that time they asked me who, of the people in Washington, I would like most to have them invite for dinner. My answer was you, but as it turned out you were either out of town or not free to come, so I never did get to meet you.

I would like to have better understanding of just what a citizen can and should do in these days of critical circumstances. I spend over half time at work in patriotic lines, reading books and giving talks on our predicament whenever opportunity presents itself, and am now actively engaged in John Birch Society chapter work and promoting new chapters.

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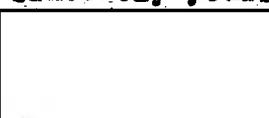
It is rumored there are seventy some registered communists in our County of Vilas. If this is true, I would like to be informed of their names, not with the idea of running them down, but rather to guide the work we do here.

When Joe was alive he furnished me such information that was available to him - now I have no contact.

If it would be in keeping with your policy I would like very much to talk with a representative of your department sometime when there is one in the vicinity.

I as a citizen deeply appreciate the dedicated work you have done and are still doing for this grand country of ours. With heartfelt thanks and best wishes,

Sincerely yours, EX-104
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Boston, Massachusetts

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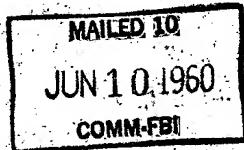
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Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter postmarked June 4, 1960, with its enclosure, has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

While I would like to be of assistance to you, I am precluded from furnishing the information you desire. As you were advised by Mr. L. L. Laughlin, the Special Agent in Charge of our Boston Office, the FBI does not furnish evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. Furthermore, information in the files of this Bureau must be maintained as confidential and available only for official use in accordance with a regulation of the Department of Justice.

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Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Mr. [redacted]

ATTENTION: SAC, BOSTON

Enclosed is a copy of correspondent's communication. Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning the correspondent. Correspondent enclosed your letter dated 5-20-60 which you apparently sent to him in response to an inquiry he made concerning the John Birch Society.

The John Birch Society is well known to your office.

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent states he and his wife joined the John Birch Society. He states he sent a letter to the Boston Office of the FBI to make sure of this organization and to be certain it is a loyal organization. He states, "Please look into this matter for me."

The John Birch Society was founded by Robert H. W. Welch, Jr., of Belmont, Massachusetts, in December, 1958, at Indianapolis, Indiana. It is allegedly an anticomunist organization having branches in various parts of the country. It has not been investigated by the Bureau. Welch has been critical of President Eisenhower and his administration. SAC Letter 60-5 called this organization to the attention of the field and instructed that any information received concerning its activities should be promptly furnished the Bureau.

It is noted the Boston Office addressed the correspondent at [redacted] Winchester, Massachusetts. However, in communicating with the Bureau, the correspondent gave his return address as [redacted] Boston, Massachusetts. Therefore, this latter address is being used in reply.

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United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington D.C.

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J. Edgar Hoover

Dear Sirs:

My wife and myself joined an organization called the John Birch Society - Belmont Mass. - John Birch Society The object of the John Birch Society is to combat communism in this country I sent a letter to the Boston Dept of the F.B.I. to make sure of this organization as I do not want to pay dues to the John Birch Society until I make sure it is loyal to all American principals - Please look into this matter for me

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Cordially yours,

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CORRESPONDENCE
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

470 Atlantic Avenue
Boston, Massachusetts
May 20, 1960

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[Redacted]
Winchester, Mass.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of recent date has been received and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

While I would like to be of assistance, the function of the FBI as a fact-gathering agency does not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, organization or publication. I regret, therefore, that I am unable to comply with your request for information.

Very truly yours,

L. L. Laughlin

L. L. LAUGHLIN
Special Agent in Charge

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Theatrical Enterprises
240 Tremont Street
Boston, Mass.

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United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington D. C.
J. Edgar Hoover

Dear Sirs:

My wife and myself joined an organization called the John Birch Society - Belmont Mass.

The object of the John Birch Society is to combat communism in this country. I sent a letter to the Boston Dept of the F.B.I. to make sure of this organization as I do not want to pay dues to the John Birch Society until I make sure it is loyal to all American principals - Please look into this matter for me.

Cordially yours,

/s/ [redacted]

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Mr. W.C. Sullivan
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Miss Gandy

[redacted]
Houston 36, Texas
June 2, 1960

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I have just completed reading your book "Masters of Deceit" and wish to thank you for the enlightenment I have received from it. Your book, plus a recent speech here in Houston by Mr. Richard Arens, the House UnAmerican Activity Committee's Staff Director, combined with Dr. Fred Schwartz's testimony before that same committee have served to awaken myself and several of my neighbors to the urgent need for active opposition to Communism.

I am presently enrolled in a study group studying the material provided by the Christian Anti-Communist Crusade directed by Dr. Fred Schwartz. Some of us have also been approached by a local organizer of The John Birch Society headed up by Robert Welch of Belmont, Mass.

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I firmly believe that it behooves us to proceed with a certain amount of caution so as not to subscribe to crackpot schemes or witchhunts in ridding our country of Communism. And at the same time I am convinced that speed is necessary in getting to work and that that work be effective and not wasted motion.

In attempting to evaluate methods, ways and means, of actively fighting Communism however, I find myself at a loss, because of my past apathy, re: the state of affairs outside my own personal sphere of activities, and am therefore writing to you for whatever information or advice you may be able to give me regarding the merits of these organizations.

Thank you again for your factual presentation of Communism - if it is not among the top ten "best sellers" it certainly should be.

sincerely

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P. S. If you should have, and I for one really hope you do have, further books in the mill on this subject, please give my name to your publisher for his mailing list.

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Houston 36, Texas

Dear Mr. [redacted]

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I have received your letter of June 2, 1960, and appreciate the interest which prompted the communication.

I was particularly pleased with your kind comments concerning "Masters of Deceit." The book was written in the hope that it would become an easy to read primer for students and other Americans interested in learning more about the menace of communism. Letters such as yours reassure me that the publication is serving its purpose.

In response to your inquiry, the function of the FBI as a fact-gathering agency does not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. I can advise you, however, that the Christian Anti-Communist Crusade and The John Birch Society have not been investigated by this Bureau. This should not, of course, be construed as clearance or nonclearance of these organizations by the FBI.

In view of your concern, I am enclosing some material regarding the threat of communism which you may wish to read.

Sincerely yours,

Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Bufiles contain no information identifiable with [redacted] Bufiles reflect no derogatory information identifiable with the Christian Anti-Communist Crusade. We have had limited cordial relations with this group and have furnished it reprint material concerning communism. We have also had cordial correspondence with Dr. Fred Schwartz and W. P. Strube, Jr., secretary of this organization. The John Birch Society was founded by Robert H. W. Welch, Jr., of Belmont, Massachusetts, in December, 1958, at Indianapolis, Indiana. It is allegedly an anti-communist organization having branches in various parts of the country. It has not been investigated by the FBI. His request to be placed on mailing list of publisher of future books by Director is being purposely ignored.

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1 - Mr. Simpson

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June 22, 1960

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Los Angeles 5, California

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RDS:pw JMW:jmw

Dear Mrs. [Redacted]

Your letter dated June 13, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiry, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not issue clearances or nonclearances.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

1 - Los Angeles

ATTENTION: SAC, LOS ANGELES

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Correspondent states that she recently joined the John Birch Society, her impression being it was a true American group. She states that so far it has been "anti" almost everything and she, therefore, requests any information we can give her concerning the organization. Bufiles contain no identifiable information concerning the correspondent. *DM-33*

JP Information concerning the John Birch Society is contained in SAC Letter 60-5.

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

The John Birch Society was formed by Robert H. W. Welch, Jr., of Belmont, Massachusetts, in December, 1958, in Indianapolis, Indiana. It is allegedly an anticommunist organization having branches in various parts of the country. Welch has been critical of President Eisenhower and his administration. Above SAC Letter calls this organization to the attention of the field and instructs that any information received concerning its activities should be promptly furnished to the Bureau.

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[Redacted]
Los Angeles 5, California

John Birch Society June 13

Federal Bureau of Investigation

I am an admiring
of your organization and
would like some
information.

Recently I joined
the John Birch Society.
My impression was
that it was a true
American group. So far
it has been "anti"
almost every thing.

I would appreciate
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any information you

Ack.

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Will give me on
this organization.

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[Redacted]
Los Angeles 5, California

June 13

Federal Bureau of Investigation

I am an admirer of your organization and would like some information.

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Sincerely

/s/ [Redacted]

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June 20, 1960

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[REDACTED]
Park Ridge, Illinois

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

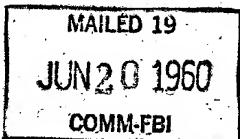
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Your letter dated June 13, 1960,
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appreciated.

In response to your inquiry, I must
advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities
of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations
or comments concerning the character or integrity
of any individual, publication or organization.
The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of
the Federal Government and, as such, does not
issue clearances or nonclearances.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director



1 - Chicago

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Mr. [redacted]

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ATTENTION: SAC, CHICAGO

Correspondent advised he has recently been invited to attend meetings of the John Birch Society. Before supporting this organization, he stated he would be interested in knowing the Bureau's opinion of its policies, its activities, its leaders and whether it is worthy of patriotic Americans. Bufiles contain no identifiable information concerning the correspondent.

Information concerning the John Birch Society is contained in SAC Letter 60-5.

NOTE ON YELLOW: (1)

The John Birch Society was founded by Robert H. W. Welch, Jr., of Belmont, Massachusetts, in December, 1958, at Indianapolis, Indiana. It is allegedly an anticomunist organization having branches in various parts of the country. It has not been investigated by the Bureau. Welch has been critical of President Eisenhower and his administration. SAC Letter 60-5 called this organization to the attention of the field and instructed that any information received concerning its activities should be promptly furnished the Bureau.

June 13, 1960

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I have recently been invited to attend orientation meetings of The John Birch Society, Inc., Belmont 78, Massachusetts., an organization devoted to anti-communist activities.

Before lending my support to this society, I would be interested in knowing your opinion of its policies, its activities, its leaders, particularly Mr. Robert Welch, and whether it is an organization worthy of patriotic Americans.

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Sincerely,

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Park Ridge, Illinois

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1 - Mr. Farrow

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June 27, 1960

[Redacted]
Bremerton, Washington

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Dear Miss [Redacted]

Your letter postmarked June 15, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

While I would like to be of assistance to you, the functions of the FBI as a fact-gathering agency do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. I regret, therefore, that I am unable to comment upon the individual and organization you mentioned.

The FBI has been charged by Presidential directive with the responsibility for the investigation of subversive activities and the correlation of all information pertaining thereto with other agencies of this Government. In this connection, the President has urged all patriotic individuals to report all information concerning espionage, sabotage and subversive activities to the FBI, so that it may be correlated and appropriate steps taken to safeguard our country and our form of Government from subversive elements. In the event, therefore, you receive any information which you believe may be of interest to the FBI, you may communicate directly with me or the Special Agent in Charge of our Seattle Office, located at 1015 Second Avenue, Seattle 4, Washington.

I am enclosing some material available for general distribution by this Bureau which may be helpful to you. *RW*

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures (5)

1 - Seattle (Enclosure) (See note page two)

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Miss [redacted]

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ATTENTION: SAC, SEATTLE

Enclosed is a copy of correspondent's communication. Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning the correspondent.

Information concerning the John Birch Society is contained in SAC Letter 60-5.

The following items of literature were sent to the correspondent:

1. Reprint from FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin, March, 1960, with analysis of the 17th National Convention of the Communist Party, USA.
2. "Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality."
3. "Communist 'New Look,' A Study in Duplicity."
4. "How to Beat Communism."
5. "God and Country or Communism?"

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent inquires concerning the John Birch Society and states that she has been informed that John Birch, while living, had "red affiliations." She requests information concerning the John Birch Society and Mr. Welch, founder of this Society. Correspondent asks two questions: "What can I do to fight communism?????" and "Where can I safely send financial support and KNOW it will go toward the fight against communism rather than to aid its cause?"

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[Redacted]
June 11, 1960

Dear Mr. Hoover;

I know sir you are indeed a busy man but I SO would appreciate advice from you. I have read much lately on communism and sincerely feel it is a grave threat to our country at this time. I have read that our government is very far infiltrated by communists and that we have many organizations that have good American names that claim to be set up to fight communism that actually are fronted by communists; also that through communist infiltration in our press and through television, we don't always get true accounts of the news we hear.

Recently I heard of a body called the 'John Birch Society' set up by John Welsh to fight communism in this country offensively. It claims to be a body of patriotic Americans that are doing their best to combat communism in the United States. I have a friend who traced John Birch through naval intelligence and it was reported to him that John Birch had red affiliations and I got the distinct idea that Birch himself was supposed to have been a red. I use past tense as John Birch is deceased and the society I speak of is named after him. I really find it hard to believe that John Birch was a communist, but, if this is a fact, what then of Mr. Welsh and the 'John Birch Society'? I urgently request your advise on this.

I am deeply interested in doing every bit I can to stop the advance of communism in our country but I just don't know what to do or where to start. What can I do to fight communism???? Where can I safely send financial support and KNOW it will go toward the fight against communism rather than to aid its cause?

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Also, where might I best find out about the men running for government positions that I give my vote for, that I might know without a doubt what the man I'm voting for stands?

I look forward to your reply and sincerely appreciate any and all information forwarded. I thank you very much.

Yours very truly,



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[REDACTED]
Bremerton, Wash.
June 11, 1960

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Yours very truly,

/s/ [REDACTED]

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Corinth, Mississippi

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Dear Mrs. [REDACTED]

Your letter of June 22, 1960, with enclosure,
has been received, and your kind comment is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiry, I must advise that
the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to
furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or
integrity of any individual, publication or organization. The FBI
is strictly a fact-gathering agency and information in our files is
confidential and available for official use only in accordance with
a regulation of the Department of Justice.

I hope you will understand the necessity for this
policy and will not infer either that we do or do not have infor-
mation in our files relating to the organization you mentioned.
I am enclosing some material on the general subject of
communism which may be of interest to you, together with the
envelope you so thoughtfully forwarded.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Enclosures (6)

- Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
Communist "New Look"
How to Beat Communism
Expose of Soviet Espionage
17th National Convention Communist Party USA.
Correspondent's self-addressed envelope.

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See note next page

Letter to Mrs. [redacted]

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Correspondent enclosed a self-addressed envelope which was returned. The John Birch Society was organized by Robert Welch, a wealthy candy manufacturer of Belmont, Massachusetts, in December, 1958 at Indianapolis, Indiana. It is allegedly an anti-communist organization with branches over various parts of the country. Welch has been quite critical of President Eisenhower and his administration. SAC letter 60-5 calls this organization ~~to~~ the attention of the field and instructs them that any information on their activities should be furnished to the Bureau. (62-104401)

[Redacted]
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June 22, 1960

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Please tell me something about The John Birch Society, with headquarters in Massachusetts(Bedford, I think).

For a long time I have been alarmed at the insidious work of the communists, and concerned for the future of our country.

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I have felt that officials in Washington(elected and otherwise)are to blame, in a great many instances, and the only thing I have known to do was to write them.

Now, I have an opportunity to join the above mentioned organization, but I don't want to be "used", nor "taken in" by an organization that is not what it is purported to be.

Any information you can give me will be appreciated.

I wish we had more men like you in our government.

Very truly yours,

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1 - Mr. Simpson

June 29, 1960

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The Midland Reporter-Telegram
Midland, Texas

Dear Mr. [redacted]

I have received your letter dated June 16, 1960, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

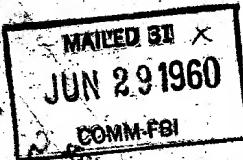
In response to your inquiry, I must advise that the FBI is strictly a fact-gathering agency and, as such, its jurisdiction and responsibilities do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. I am precluded, therefore, from furnishing the information you desire.

I am sure you will understand the necessity for this policy and will not infer that we do or do not have in our files the information you desire.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director



1 - El Paso (Enclosure)

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ATTENTION: SAC, EL PASO

Enclosed is a copy of correspondent's communication. Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning the correspondent or "The Midland Reporter-Telegram."

Welch and the John Birch Society have not been the subjects of an investigation by the Bureau. Welch and his organization have been very critical of President Eisenhower and his administration. Information concerning this individual and his organization is contained in SAC Letter 60-5.
(62-104401)

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent states a movement is underway in his city to form a chapter of the John Birch Society. Although it is reported to be an anticomunist society, he is inclined to believe it is more political than anything else. He requests the Bureau furnish him any information we can concerning the organization. He desires this information so he can pass it along to the citizens of Midland who have expressed an interest in the group.

The Midland Reporter-Telegram

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JAMES N. ALLISON
PUBLISHER

PUBLISHED EVERY AFTERNOON EXCEPT SATURDAY
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MIDLAND, TEXAS

Junel 16, 1960

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

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Miss Gandy

Dear Mr. Hoover:

A movement to form a chapter of the John Birch Society is now underway in this city.

It is purported to be an anti-Communist society and is headed by Robert Welch of Boston.

I would appreciate having any information you have concerning this organization.

After reading Mr. Welch's speech, which was presented to a group of so-called prominent Americans at the beginning of the organization movement in an effort to enlist their aid, I am more inclined to think the movement is more political than anything else. Furthermore, if I wanted to have the American people think that Communism now controls every facet of American endeavors and that the simplest thing to do was just accept it, this is the kind of book (the speech is now in book form) I would want all Americans to read. According to Mr. Welch, all communications such as newspapers, radio and television; government, churches and anything else you may care to name is Communistically controlled in America.

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Too, this society - instead of trying to interest large groups to stand against Communism - apparently works silently in a community to form small groups. To me, this could either be good or bad, depending on the intentions.

Mr. Welch is, according to his speech, trying to ~~list~~ ^{to JU} 1960 000,000 members who will pay \$24.00 per year per male and \$12.00 per year per female. The application states that any member may be dropped from its rolls at any time without any reason being given whatsoever.

But the most striking part of the membership is the fact that Mr. Welch says that members will be "ordered" to perform certain assignments, not asked but ordered. This reminds me of a few other men of the world in other countries who have moved to leadership over this route.

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Any expedient information you may give me concerning this organization that could be passed along to our citizens who have expressed an interest in this group would be greatly appreciated.

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Sincerely yours,

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Mr. Trotter _____ ()
Mr. W. C. Sullivan _____ ()
Mr. Ingram _____ ()
Miss Gandy _____ ()

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For Your Recommendation _____ ()

What are the facts? _____ ()

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AMERICAN OPINION

*In this number
we call to your especial attention*

EUROPEAN SURVEY

by

WILLIAM S. SCHLAMM

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Dear Reader:

We were climbing happily up a mountainside. Periodically the road divided. But no matter which fork we took, the road still kept winding upward, to ever more comfortable plateaus.

But finally at one fork — as we learned from repeated trials — both roads led down hill. Repeatedly we returned, baffled, to study the big sign in front of us. Arrows marked "Pursuit of Happiness" clearly pointed in both directions. We were given two choices, but *both* of them were wrong. Even the road to the right, as we now knew, twisted deceptively until it joined the road that had started to the left. And there was only a stagnant swamp at the end of the trail.

Frustrated, angry, almost in despair, we lunged against the sign itself. To our surprise, it turned out to be nothing but paper, which we broke through with ease. And lo and behold, there in front of us, purposely hidden by the big sign, lay our real road — with a higher tableland easily in sight.

The moral of this fable is very plain. Our collectivist enemies long ago found the Achilles heel in our body politic. It is the convention-primary system. This system was not planned by our forefathers, and is not controlled by the Constitution. Having been developed only by political custom, it is subject to ruthless manipulation by unscrupulous politicians. And the socialist-internationalist schemers do not care which candidate we elect so long as, through this hocus pocus, they can pick the nominees.

But there is nothing sacrosanct about this whole arrangement. Our salvation lies in ignoring their roadblock, crashing through it, and proceeding straight ahead. And so we issue this warning that we intend to take our own fate into our own hands once again, to the whole political brotherhood, of *both parties*:

"Nominate anybody you please. I'm voting for Goldwater."

Sincerely,

Robert Welch

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It is time once again for our theme song.

Occasionally one of our subscribers will complain that this magazine, while accurate, informative, and enlightening, is simply too discouraging to read. This, as we have pointed out before, is because we undertake to give our readers truth instead of comfort. To those who wish to close their eyes and minds to the horrible truth of what is happening in the world today, we suggest that they read only the funny papers. (We ourselves read them when we can, for a few minutes now and then of temporary respite.)

For there have been but few periods in all of our race's recorded history when man's inhumanity to man was so widespread and so cruel; when the whole sunlight of morality and decency and kindness, which pervades the great body of mankind, was so completely shut off from view by the dark clouds of hypocrisy enveloping its leaders; or when such ineffable scoundrels so almost universally filled the seats of the mighty. And the grim but honest outlook is that the picture will become much worse before the dark clouds pass over (as they always have before), and the beneficent light of faith, hope, and charity begins to flood the earth's surface once again (as we are sure it will).

So if you really want it straight, the diet we must give you most of the time is likely — through no fault of ours — to be monotonously dismal in flavor. And for that reason we are all the more delighted when we can put before you a more promising page of news or opinion. The slowly rising but tremendously potent groundswell of support for Barry Goldwater is certainly one such item of strong encouragement in a scene largely full of foreboding stupidities, treason, and venality. We shall probably deal with it at more length in a later issue. There are other glints of light here and there, including the possibility that the Kremlin's control over its enslaved millions, even in

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Russia, is perhaps as shaky today as at any time during the past forty years. And we take especial pleasure in leading off this feature this month with the record of a decided victory won by the Americanists against the Communists, no matter how cleverly the Communists have tried to disguise and sugarcoat their defeat.

The Summit — Of Pretenses

It is already May 20. By the time this magazine is in print and distributed, the summit conference will have receded behind new hills of Communist exhibitionism that are being constantly raised. And this "Summit" proved to be a pretty small volcano anyway, not to be judged — as to either size or importance — by all of the smoke and fire that erupted from it. So we shall give the poor thing short shrift. But we cannot simply ignore it, for three reasons:

First, our customers will definitely feel that their subscription contract with us calls for some comments on the subject. Second, for the consideration given above; that what really happened, despite the cleverly manufactured appearances to the contrary, was a significant victory of the anti-Communist grass-roots forces, largely of America, accomplished right over the heads and over the opposition of their formal leaders. And third, because any show so meticulously produced and stage-managed, with such excellent casting, deserves the reviewer's recognition of those virtues, even though the farce was a complete flop due to the poor quality of the libretto.

Of course the acting was incredibly "corny." Not since a play put on by the Sunday School students of a small country church in North Carolina more than fifty years ago has this reviewer seen its equal in that respect. But there was a huge difference. The "Oh Bah-sil, Oh Bah-sil," gushed by the heroine, in the play of my childhood days, was so corny because the poor girl couldn't help it. The histrionics of Khrushchev — and of some of the other actors—achieved the same degree of "hamminess" by calculated design. Here was an actor of superb talent

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deliberately acting, and very skillfully acting, the role of a corny actor. For he and the other stars were well aware that "corn" is the most convincing form of showmanship to the vast majority of their respective peoples. And the reason almost nobody believed even Khrushchev — or the others — was not the fault of his acting, but was due entirely to the fact that the plot supplied him was too thin and ludicrous to be saved by even his genius at pretenses.

Even if the U-2 plane had not been deliberately flown into Russian territory at this particular time, and brought down there, as part of the act (which seems almost certain), few things could be basically more absurd — and laughable — than Khrushchev's swelling his veins in anger and going through his bombastic gestures over so trivial an incident. And all that actually kept the whole world from laughing uproariously at so ridiculous a pose was the Communist influence over a major part of the press and other mass media of communication even on this side of the Iron Curtain. Khrushchev could count in advance, for instance, on a vast majority of the American newspapers to react solemnly to his pretenses. Whether the reaction was one of ostensible anger against the Soviets, or of attempted "understanding," or of solicitousness over the "unfortunate" results of our "blunder," hardly mattered at all to Khrushchev and his fellow Communists in Moscow, Paris, and Washington — so long as most of the reactions took *seriously* his exaggerated nonsense.

The most intelligent commentary we have seen or heard anywhere was in a broadcast from PUEBLO, in Madrid, on May 12, directed in Spanish to the Americans. Translated, two paragraphs of that broadcast went as follows:

"There is something artificial in the reaction to Khrushchev's sensational report to the Supreme Soviet in Moscow. In other circumstances the [U-2] incident would probably have passed unnoticed, and the Russians themselves, although they would have used it for propaganda purposes, would not have made accusations to the point of almost returning to the worst

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terms of the days of the cold war. This time the plane incident served Soviet purposes.

"Faced with a possible total failure of the summit conference, which would damage the personal policy of Khrushchev more than is apparent, it was convenient for him to be able to accuse the West of duplicity, blaming them for the failure of coexistence. In reality, there is no reason for so much surprise. It is rather foolish for these high circles to be shocked at the fact that the big powers have intelligence services in operation. The United States has one and naturally Russia does too."

This, in our opinion, is getting fairly close to at least some of the truth. But we think the real reasons for the "artificial" display of indignation are almost as plain as its "artificiality." The Communist influences in this country, which had planned the "Summit" in the first place, had carefully arranged to have many "feelers" leaked out and "trial balloons" surreptitiously let loose, as to what they expected to accomplish there. This included such brazen steps of American surrender as the sellout of Berlin, the betrayal of West Germany into some kind of forced confederation with East Germany as a parallel "sovereign power," and negotiated arrangements for disarmament leading to the presence of at least token Russian armed forces — or "United Nations" armed forces — on American soil. And not only did the nationwide protest against these proposed "steps towards peace" become too vigorous and too visible for carrying them out to be strategically wise, but there was an uprising of mammoth proportions against the very idea of our participation in any summit conference at all.

The Communists decided, obviously, that under the circumstances it would be better for them to "postpone" the summit conference altogether. That they would then find some way to seize the initiative, twist appearances, save face, and make it seem that the conference had been "postponed" *for their reasons*, was to be expected. That in doing so they would use the occasion to salvage whatever gain they could out of the situation was inevitable. And that our government could be

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jockeyed and maneuvered, by the Communist influences which now control it, into going through every necessary motion of designed "blunders" and self-abasement, to help the Soviets put over their play, was as certain as that Washington will keep on subsidizing Castro. But the price was still a comparatively small one for us to pay, to avoid the disaster that the Communists had worked out for us.

So the "Summit" has now been postponed three times; from last July to November; from November to May; and from May until "six or eight months later." This last postponement was effected through a terrific hullabaloo by Khrushchev over *our* wickedness which, fortunately, almost nobody believes. (In fact, Khrushchev himself all but gave the game away in his report to his "friends" in East Berlin. There he carefully explained that he had merely been "leading from strength" — by which he meant, of course, the *appearance* of strength — and made clear that there would be no separate treaty with East Germany now despite his blustering to that effect in Paris.) And if enough patriotic Americans retain their vigor, courage, and common sense, the second "Summit" never will come off. But we ask our readers please not to let this spotlighted failure of the Communists at one point blind them to how rapidly, boldly, and extensively the Communists are moving ahead on other fronts.

For probably the most important news to Americans over the past few weeks has not been what was happening in Paris at all, but what was happening in San Francisco. The Communist-inspired student riots there, against the hearings of the House Un-American Activities Committee, not only bear a marked resemblance to those that began the purposeful lawlessness and pressures that overthrew Syngman Rhee, and to the similar student riots that began the trouble in Turkey, and not only were they all unquestionably a part of the same basic planning by some nerve center of the conspiracy; but those in San Francisco were the first riots of this kind on American soil. For the first time the Communists have felt strong enough, and

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far enough advanced in their preparation and in their secret control of the reins of power in this country, to let it become visible that "what can't happen here" is *already* beginning to happen here—on a small scale as yet, and with deceptive periods of quiescent retreat to follow, but with unmistakable certainty and purpose nevertheless. And these comments bring us logically to the discussion of another event of recent history, also far more important than the childish pyrotechnics in Paris.

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Black Is White

For during the past fifteen years our government has played a leading part in all the deceptive procedures for handing over one nation after another to the Communist tyranny. But never, even in the worst days of Dean Acheson and his good friend, Alger Hiss, has it done anything to equal in nefariousness the deliberate betrayal of Syngman Rhee and his South Koreans. Imposing on South Korea, by force and by the pressures of our government, of the rule of a small, noisy, dirty, and vicious Communist-led minority, is the all-time low in *rotteness* for the Eisenhower administration, and for our whole government during the past twenty-eight years of callous and conscienceless amorality.

To anybody who would take the trouble to go behind the idiotic and sometimes apparently calculated distortions of the *New York Times*, *Boston Herald-Traveler*, *Washington Post*, and other disgraceful examples of our prostituted press, there has been no difficulty in discovering what was happening in Korea. Just one year ago we wrote, and published in the May, 1959 issue of this magazine, the following short article. It was picked up and carried by the Korean English-speaking press as being a completely accurate presentation of developments in that unhappy country — which it was. We reprint it here because we do not know of any better or more concise way in which to inform — or remind — our readers of the background of recent events in the "Land Of Morning Calm."

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No Truce In Korea—Published In May, 1959.

That the Communists have continued to build up their military strength in North Korea, in complete violation of the truce terms to which they agreed, is no surprise to anybody familiar with Communists. That they have done so without the slightest objection by our government, and apparently with its blessing, is no surprise to anybody familiar with our government. And the current Communist activities *inside* South Korea, which are so exactly in line with usual Communist procedures everywhere, would not surprise anybody but for one reason: We have all been looking at Beirut or Havana or Berlin or somewhere else, while the Communists made hay in Seoul and Pusan.

For decades the Soviet military, economic, and diplomatic threats hanging over Finland, always being used to support the Soviet's agents and sympathizers within Finland, wore down the original firm and courageous Finnish opposition. Until today Finland is almost a Soviet satellite, and the government of Finland practically takes its orders from the Kremlin. It can be said truthfully that Finland was conquered by attrition. And exactly the same process is now at work in, and on, South Korea. But there are two differences. South Korea had never been allowed to become firmly established as a nation before the Communist pressures began. And the tempo of Communist advance has now become so much more rapid, through both momentum and experience, that processes of betrayal which once took ten years can now be accomplished in two or three.

The pressures on South Korea begin with the constant threat by the Communists, now so heavily armed and equipped, simply to sweep down across the 38th Parallel again and overrun the South at any time. Seoul itself is only seven minutes away, for jet bombers from the newest Communist airfields. All of South Korea lives and exists under the dark shadow of murderous invasion by Communist hordes. This threat is a powerful factor in enabling Communist agents and sympathizers within South Korea to take a more brazen course, and to intimidate their opposition. Not only do infiltrators from the North make all of the trouble they can, and not only do their allies and agents carry that trouble right into the high levels of the South Korean government, but what is even worse, the Communists are visibly gaining support from some of the more opportunistic South Koreans, whose patriotic courage is gradually failing them under all of the pressures for the present and dangers for the future.

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Because of the greatly stepped-up campaign of infiltration and subversion which the Communists have been carrying on for the past several months, a much needed National Security Law was brought forward in the Korean Assembly. Whereupon the so-called Democratic Party of Korea embarked on a program of obstructionism and vilification which for a while bogged down all normal and necessary government procedures. If the left-wingers in our own country, who are now promoting the Communist "Operation Abolition" to get rid of the FBI and our internal-security committees, should stage a week's sit-down strike on our Senate floor, the situation would be comparable to what Syngman Rhee has had to face in Seoul.

Although every election held in the Republic of Korea in the eleven years of its existence has been under United Nations observation, and the essential honesty and impartiality of these elections have been certified to the United Nations by its own committees or commissions (which were certainly hostile to Syngman Rhee), the Korean Democratic Party has been casting slurs on the elections — and going much further. On February 4 of this year a leading member of the Korean Democratic Party wrote, in an editorial in his "opposition" newspaper:

"A true majority is not, of course, expressed solely by elections. If elections are not capable of determining a true majority, there may be another way of doing it. This way is that in which a true majority is decided by force, and that is what we call a revolution . . . The general understanding of the political crisis that Korea faces today may have to start from this point."

This, as the Korean Foreign Policy Association has stated, comes very close to open advocacy of revolution. It is clearly the purpose of leading elements within the Korean Democratic Party to supplant the truly republican government of Syngman Rhee, and his approximately two-thirds majority in the National Assembly, with a pro-Communist clique. This would, of course, be only a forerunner to the eventual "unification" of North Korea and South Korea under a Communist dictatorship, with the full terror of Communist vengeance and suppression let loose on millions of South Koreans — after the unsurpassable bravery and suffering which they have gone through over the past decade to save their country.

To bring about this increasing Communist influence within South Korea, and ultimate absorption of South Korea by the total Communist tyranny, the Korean Democratic Party has and uses

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many tricks, many methods, and many pressures. The threat of civil war and its resulting chaos and misery is a powerful lever. It is made more powerful by the certainty that Communist troops and tanks and planes would pour across the border to take part in that civil war.

These threats, however, are kept in the psychological background, always understood but seldom stated. While in the foreground of the Korean Democratic Party's effort to persuade, frighten, and coerce more and more of the South Koreans into a resigned acceptance of its program, is a trump card which the Party leadership keeps sticking just slightly out of its sleeve for everybody to catch a glimpse of, and keep in mind. This trump card is *American support*. For the Korean Democratic Party, in its efforts to overthrow that determined anti-Communist and our great friend and ally, Syngman Rhee, is convincing more and more of the people of South Korea that it has the backing of the United States Government. And, on this score, the Party does not have to convince us. We would find any other course, on the part of Moscow's agent along the Potomac, to be utterly incredible in the light of what they are doing everywhere else in the world..

As the revolutionary pronouncement of February 4, 1959, quoted above, frankly confessed, the Communists knew they had no chance of taking over Korea by free and honest elections within the foreseeable future, or as long as Syngman Rhee lived and was able to serve as President. In every election since the Republic was founded, including the most recent one of only a couple of months ago (and despite the fact that these elections had all been supervised by agencies of the United Nations, bitterly hostile to Rhee), a preponderant majority of South Koreans had shown that they were completely loyal to Syngman Rhee and determinedly anti-Communist. The only possible chance the Communists and their dupes and allies had for taking over the Republic of Korea was through some typically Communist combination of pressure and terror for by-passing those very "democratic processes" to which they give such monotonous lip service.

Under these circumstances, with Syngman Rhee already eighty-five years old, it is entirely possible that the Communists,

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while continuing their infiltration and trouble-making in the meantime, would have waited until Rhee was no longer present to oppose them, but for two reasons. The first was their fear, apparently, that in Lee Ki-poong, elected as Vice-President in March, Rhee had at last found and started training a worthy and younger anti-Communist leader to succeed him. For the first time the Communists saw fading away their longstanding expectation of the whole South Korean government falling apart under their pressures, ready for them to pick up the pieces, whenever Rhee died or had to give up the struggle. And a second reason may well have been the desire of Khrushchev, and of his agents in Washington, to have a whole series of anti-Communist governments toppling over, or facing serious troubles, just before the Summit Conference began and as a psychological build-up for the American surrender to be subtly initiated there. (As he had hoped.) This kind of precise timing is one of the most professionally operated and effective techniques of the Communist advance.

At any rate, and for whatever reason, the time seemed ripe. And the Communist-dominated students and trouble-makers, with the so-called Korean Democratic Party in the forefront, went to work on their final putsch. Their attempt to make political capital out of the fact that Syngman Rhee's opponent for the presidency had died before the election gradually evaporated when it became widely known that this opponent had died in a hospital in Washington, D. C., for causes and under circumstances for which Rhee could not possibly have had any responsibility. So the Communists and their dupes and allies then, after themselves making all of the trouble in connection with the election that they could, fell back on claims of widespread corruption and ballot-stuffing. It is almost certain that, except for the dishonest acts of the Communists themselves, there was less corruption and "irregularity" in the Korean elections of this March than in any American presidential election held since 1936. The vicious Communists claims of corruption consisted almost entirely of noise without evidence, in typical

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Communist fashion. But none of this mattered. What really counted was that Christian A. Herter and his State Department were all set and primed to come to their aid with the whole prestige and power of the United States Government.

If there is any one thing absolutely necessary for any government, when beset by a Communist-inspired uprising, it is for that government to show firmness in dealing with such terrorist rioting. And this is the one thing, above all others, that Rhee was not allowed to do. When he finally made a serious attempt to suppress the lawless actions of a small but vicious minority, bring to book the murderers and destroyers, and restore order, he was met with a sanctimonious rebuke from Christian A. Herter that the South Korean Government was adopting "repressive measures unsuited to a free democracy." And the Secretary of State of the United States was not just throwing at Rhee words which could not hurt him. The Secretary had within his reach sticks and stones to break the bones of Rhee's government, as Rhee was well aware.

So, from then on, practically anything went for the Communist gorillas and their misled dupes. Their mayhem on persons and demolition of property became merely evidence of the "grievances" of the Koreans which Syngman Rhee ought to redress. And the grand old fighter, hemmed in on every side by malicious forces utterly beyond his power to control or subdue, gave ground and made the concessions they *seemed to want* until finally, with all power to fight back insidiously embezzled from him, he gave up the one thing they *really* wanted, which was himself.

That "front man for traitors," General George Catlett Marshall, once boasted, correctly, that he had disarmed thirty-nine of Chiang Kai-shek's divisions with a stroke of his pen. And the embargo put into effect, by that stroke of Marshall's pen, which prevented Chiang from getting even ammunition for his troops, coupled with the appeasement-truces with Mao Tse-tung's Communists which Marshall used all the power of the United States Government to force on Chiang (to give

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Mao's hordes the time to recuperate and arm), was probably the decisive factor in eventually turning all of the mainland of China over to the Communists. (As this writer, at least, has always believed Marshall fully intended.) In the future, we feel sure, Mr. Christian A. Herter will be able to boast that with just one sentence of criticism of Syngman Rhee he broke the back of Syngman Rhee's government. And we further believe that, again, this one statement will be considered by honest historians of the future as having been the decisive factor in eventually making of South Korea another province of the Kremlin. (As this writer, at least, believes that Herter fully intended.)

There was one sad difference, however, in the result of the two betrayals. The takeover of the mainland of China was of tremendous importance to the Kremlin, in the strategy for conquest of the world that Communists have carefully followed since the days of Lenin. And it was a tragedy of immeasurable import to the half a billion human beings who were thus brought under the most cruel despotism in the history of the human race. Chiang, however, was able not only to survive, but to keep on fighting. And he may still live to see the day when he can turn the tables on the hideous monsters who now rule his country and mass-murder his countrymen.

But for Syngman Rhee it is almost inconceivable that there will be any comeback. For him this is the end. And it is worth while to pause for a paragraph, in considering the Communist malice as it affects nations and millions, to think about just one man who was so tragically overwhelmed by their lies and ruthlessness. It is doubtful if there has ever been a human being, of such transcendent greatness, for whom a deep and sincere humility was more completely the very core of his character. And it is certain that, except for Chiang Kai-shek, no other Asiatic has ever been as dedicated to the truly republican form of government, or has given so much of himself (while working under the very handicaps imposed by his ideal) to try to establish such a government for his countrymen. A direct descendant

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of the earlier kings of Korea, Syngman Rhee endured one year of torture and then spent more than half a century of unceasing work and struggle studded with cruel disappointments, to try to make of Korea the kind of republic which the United States had been in its better days.

Yet the Communist reversal of *all* truth is now so great, and the propagation of Communist lies by the American press so extensive and unwitting or unashamed, that a long editorial in the *Boston Traveler* began with such paragraphs as these:

"No one has ever accused South Korea's President Syngman Rhee of being a humble or a modest man.

"But even long-term critics of his arrogance and high-handed leadership got a shock from his reaction to the popular revolt that challenged his government this week

"Seldom has a national leader—however vain—displayed an attitude of such personal pique in the face of public repudiation

"But those among South Korea's twenty-three million citizens who believe in free government and honest elections don't intend to be overlooked."

Of course nobody, at least in the memory of this writer, has ever accused the editorials in the *Boston Traveler* of making sense. But almost every line and word in the above, and in the whole editorial that followed, was either the exact opposite of the truth, was badly distorted, or showed a complete misunderstanding of the forces at work in Korea. (As complete a misunderstanding as shown by the same paper when the Communist Mao Tse-tung was taking over China, when Communist Achmed Sukarno was taking over Indonesia, and when the Communist Fidel Castro was taking over Cuba.) But this kind of idiotic nonsense was typical of what was being fed its readers by ninety percent of the whole American press. And back in Kyung Mu Dai, the Korean "White House" on a hillside in Seoul, an old man with a broken heart was coming to the end of his resistance against the lies and pressures and attacks of his enemies—and the betrayals of his "friends."

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Syngman Rhee has seen the truth he has always spoken now "twisted by knaves to make a trap for fools," and the things he gave his life to now broken beyond repair by jackals seeking scraps of favor from the Kremlin. But the foremost waves of civilization still move inexorably westward. And humanity, for all its passing phases of folly and of crime, still climbs gropingly upward, especially in the lands irrigated by those waves, towards its age-old goal of a truly humane existence. Out of the graveyard of all decency and hope which the Communists are now making of all Korea, in a few decades—or a few centuries—there will arise a new Korea, as bright and glorious as that happy republic of which Syngman Rhee dreamed so long. And in that reborn nation its spiritual founder, Syngman Rhee, will finally receive the honor he deserves, as one of the very greatest men—in every worthwhile sense—that our whole race has yet produced.

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And How Christian Is Herter?

The catastrophe in Korea, however, had one incidental result of considerable importance. This was the forcing on informed American patriots of the reluctant conviction that they had better stop taking for granted the widely advertised stupidity of Christian Herter. It finally became necessary to start seeking a more plausible explanation for his incredible string of successful failures. For in the first place, to paraphrase James Forrestal once more, the law of probability with regard to the toss of a coin simply will not stretch far enough to make the results of stupidity point so invariably in the same direction. And in the second place, nobody going through even the motions of international diplomacy, at so high a level, could possibly be as stupid as Herter's friends and supporters insistently proclaim to be, in a visible effort to fend off more sinister accusations.

We discussed Mr. Herter at some length in the June, 1959 issue of this magazine. But that was a year ago. And during

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those twelve months the anti-Communist team, with our State Department so largely calling the signals, has not only lost a lot of ground, and suffered a terrific demoralization of many of its members, but has caused the betting odds against our side to reach an all-time high. So it seems to be in order to take another and longer look at our Secretary of State.

Of course we do not have room for any comprehensive or well-balanced biography of Mr. Herter. But, at the expense of repeating some of the exhibits from our parade of a year ago, we can assemble and string together for you, right out of the public press, a series of well-known incidents in his public career which become most revealing when laid end to end. As to what they reveal, that depends quite a bit on the eye of the beholder—and on how objectively the beholder can look at the whole nightmarish scene in which we find ourselves today.

The first entries in this selective record must begin with foreign aid. Next to Earl Browder, probably no other American has supported our foreign-aid program earlier, more enthusiastically, or with more extravagant and ambitious proposals. As *Coronet Magazine* reported in August, 1957 (on the same page where it praised Adam Clayton Powell, Jr., so effusively for representing the United States so well at the Bandung Conference), "nothing, perhaps, helped as much to put across the Marshall Plan after World War II as the junket of a House Committee headed by studious Representative (now Under Secretary of State) Christian Herter of Massachusetts."

The truth about the Marshall Plan is not yet popular even with many good Americanists, who still are not willing to admit that—despite whatever comparatively small amount of good it may have accomplished—it was basically a brilliant scheme of the Communists to get the United States to do exactly what the Communists wanted us to do, but to do it under the guise of fighting Communism. Even in the very earliest days of "foreign aid," UNRRA money was used primarily to enable Madame Sun Yat-sen in China, Menshikov in Poland, Tito in

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Yugoslavia, and other Kremlin agents elsewhere, to herd the Communist sheep into corrals supplied with food, and to starve the anti-Communist goats, in their respective countries. Since then, among the half dozen major advantages accruing to the Communists from the American foreign-aid program, perhaps the most important has been the use of government billions to keep socialist governments in power and to enable them to become more socialistic. Actually, it was the most effective force in bringing about that continued and steady advance towards socialism, in most countries on this side of the Iron Curtain, instead of a reversion to the "normalcy" of conservatism which is to be expected after the turmoil of any great war.

The Communists are now fully two-thirds of the way on their long road to total conquest of the whole world. During most of their progress so far they have had nothing to work with but cunning and terror, and the cunning always had to be successful to some extent before the terror could even be utilized. So the cunning had to be brilliant, professional, and painstakingly developed at every turn. But when the Communists asked themselves how on earth the American people could be beguiled into allowing billions on billions of American taxpayers' money, in the postwar decades, to do exactly those things which the Communists wanted to have done, the answer was comparatively easy, and strictly logical from their point of view. For it involved that exact and complete reversal of the truth which is the key to Communist planning. All that was required was to present and "sell" the whole program to the American people *as a means of fighting Communism*. The American taxpayer would be willing to make more sacrifices, and to accept more profligacy on the part of his government, for that purpose than any other. Such a program once firmly established in the American mind as being for that purpose would become more sacrosanct, and more invulnerable to criticism or impervious to truth, than anything else that could be offered the electorate.

So American foreign aid was inaugurated during the Tru-

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man administration; largely by soft-on-Communism Democrats led by Dean Acheson, with the able assistance of Christian A. Herter. For propaganda reasons they affixed to it the name of that idol of the Left, George Catlett Marshall—who had nothing to do with the whole scheme except for being assigned the job of delivering one speech about it at Harvard. And a case history of what the Marshall Plan did to the economics and the political developments in, for instance, Belgium or England, will clearly demonstrate that the Communists accomplished, with regard to promoting socialism, exactly what they had planned with this colossal deception in the first place.

None of these facts or developments bothered Christian Herter. Instead, they helped his career. For even in those days when Earl Browder, Alger Hiss, Harry Dexter White, and their closest collaborators and worst dupes, were sowing the seeds of American foreign aid and nourishing the earliest plants, Herter well knew the side of the fence on which it was most promising to graze. He was the most "modern" of "modern Republicans" before the term had even been invented, and long before the Left was in as complete control of our government as it is today. And by helping mightily to push the Marshall Plan through the House of Representatives, of which he was then a member, he established himself as a lasting favorite of the superliberals.

Then the Marshall Plan, which had been presented to the American people by Acheson, Herter and Company as a strictly *temporary* measure, was metamorphosed into the permanent and more ambitious program that is now called Mutual Security (unless they change the label again before we can get into print). And this metamorphosis had the full blessing of Mr. Herter. In fact, on March 15, 1956, while he was still Governor of Massachusetts but visibly looking ahead to acting on a larger stage, he made a most revealing speech before the Chicago Council on Foreign Relations. He not only insisted that all of our foreign-aid billions should be handed out without any strings attached whatsoever, and that "we should not demand

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any *quid pro quo* for our assistance." But he then went on to propose that we should team up with the Soviet Union in helping the underdeveloped countries; that "we should offer to coordinate our aid with whatever assistance the Soviet Union is able to provide . . . We should . . . be willing to work out both with the Soviet and with the recipient country a program to which both the Soviet and ourselves can each contribute."

On Page 55 of Earl Browder's *Tehran*, in the midst of a long discussion setting forth the glories of American foreign aid, Mr. Browder had written: "Here also a broad regional program of economic development is called for, capable of reconciling national rivalries through international collaboration. Here, further, there is raised the whole question of the possibility of economic participation by the Soviet Union in such a program together with the capitalist lands."

On April 1, 1957, in a guest article written for the super-liberal columnist, Thomas L. Stokes, Mr. Herter defended our foreign aid program—past, present, and future—with all of the usual sophistries. Typical of his approach was the statement: "About twenty billion dollars of this has been in the form of loans. We have every reason to believe this twenty billion dollars will be repaid." If Mr. Herter could have believed that idiocy, then the claims of apologists as to his stupidity would be justified. But we wonder how much money Mr. Herter personally would have been willing to lend these same debtors, out of his own pocket instead of his country's pocket, on the strength of that expectation.

We'll not take the time or space for as full a review of Mr. Herter's manifestations of "liberalism" in fields other than foreign aid. We shall try to hit a larger number of high spots instead. And simply to plunge ahead, let's note that he was one of the founders, in 1950, of "Republican Advance." This outfit, which later was more or less swallowed up in the "Citizens For Eisenhower," you may remember, was intended to be, not an opposing force to, but a teammate of, Americans For Demo-

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cratic Action—pulling both parties down exactly the same path, and with certain interlocking superliberals serving on both. On December 11, 1956, Mr. Herter was publicly praised by the Americans For Democratic Action, as we are sure he should have been. For the sad truth is that, ideologically, Christian Herter belongs in the same group with, or slightly left of, Hubert Humphrey, John Kennedy, Estes Kefauver, and Eleanor Roosevelt. The sadder truth is that, otherwise, he could not possibly have been appointed to his present job by the forces which now control the Eisenhower administration. And saddest truth of all is that his unanimous confirmation, by the Senators present and voting, showed how far all opposition to the smooth-running superliberal juggernaut had already been brow-beaten into a resigned acquiescence.

As the new Secretary of State, Christian Herter could hardly get to Washington fast enough to give a luncheon for that Communist archenemy of the United States, Fidel Castro. As *National Review* pointed out, he then "opened his secretaryship with a miserable and dangerous capitulation," in agreeing to the Soviet demand that the United States would not fly planes at an altitude of more than ten thousand feet over the corridor to Berlin. And in the early foothills of the "summit conference"—a year ago, when that conference was first tentatively scheduled for July, 1959—it was Herter who refused to support the firmly anti-Communist stand of Adenauer and de Gaulle, and who used the weight of the United States as an "intermediary" on behalf of the "flexible" views of Macmillan.

A photograph of Christian Herter practically straining a gut in his exuberant haste to shake hands with Gromyko was one of the first useful pieces of Soviet propaganda to come out of the Foreign Ministers' show in Geneva last spring. That meeting had hardly got under way before the United Press announced that "Secretary of State Christian Herter will hold a man-to-man session tomorrow with Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko. Herter will be Gromyko's guest at luncheon in the Soviet headquarters on the Rue de la Paix." When Herter

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became a party to the arrangement whereby the East German delegates as well as the West German delegates were allowed to sit as "advisers," at small tables adjoining the main table of the Foreign Ministers, he had already given the East German puppet regime the *de facto* recognition which was all the Soviets wanted to accomplish at the conference. And when he made clear that we should deal with the Soviets in this whole circus by "offering concession for concession," he was talking exactly the line which the Kremlin had written for the occasion. Out of an almost infinite number of such tiny straws of "appeasement" have been built all the bricks of Soviet prestige, in that parapet of pretended might from which the Soviets have enslaved a billion people.

It has frequently been remarked that there was only one real difference between the administrations of Roosevelt, Truman, and Eisenhower. This was that they got steadily worse. Something not as generally noted is that there has been absolutely no change in the fundamentals of our so-called "foreign policy" since Dean Acheson established its course immediately following World War II. For all practical purposes Acheson could have stayed right on as Secretary of State throughout all of the years since he left the office. His protégé and former assistant, John Foster Dulles, frequently talked a good brand of anti-Communism, because that obviously fitted the role assigned to him. But under his Secretaryship the Communists went right on winning the world, always with the help of the U. S. Department of State, just the same as before. With Christian Herter in the Secretary's chair, the old Acheson line has merely become more visible again—and considerably more brazen, because of the increased Communist power and influence.

In September, 1958, for instance, at a speech in Atlantic City, Mr. Herter as Under Secretary of State advocated abandonment of the Chinese offshore islands of Quemoy and Matsu as "not strategically defensible." His opposition to the anti-Communist government of Chiang Kai-shek (as well as to the

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government of Syngman Rhee) has remained as clear as was that of Dean Acheson—or of Owen Lattimore. And as a part of that opposition he has succeeded in completely ousting Walter S. Robertson, the one man of high rank within the State Department who always fought for support of the Nationalist Chinese Government. And of course he has insisted on bringing back to active duty, in a top policy-making position as the Secretary's own adviser, the notorious Charles Bohlen—the “expert” who had advised Roosevelt on Eastern European questions at both Teheran and Yalta. Senators Bridges and Dirksen, who had publicly opposed this appointment and thought they had it stopped, reminded Mr. Herter, when they found him going through with the appointment anyway, that his stubbornness on this issue was not going to be liked by many Senators. Mr. Herter reminded Messrs. Bridges and Dirksen in turn that this particular appointment did not require Senate confirmation; metaphorically but quite pointedly thumbed his nose at the two Senators *and* the Senate; and brought Mr. Bohlen right into the inner circle of the State Department.

It is in his disingenuous spouting of the then current Communist line on any and all practicable occasions, however, perhaps more than in any other activity, that Christian Herter reveals the real nature of his purpose—and, by the subtlety with which that purpose is advanced, makes the charitable assertions concerning his stupidity seem grossly exaggerated. Of course he goes through all of the proper motions, at the proper times, of expressing doubt as to the intentions of the Soviets or as to the dependability of their agreements. Which doesn't bother the Kremlin butchers in the slightest degree. They themselves tell us, and the rest of the world, over and over, that any agreements into which they enter are made by them only to be broken when it suits their convenience. And they don't care how much Mr. Herter gravely wrinkles his brow in public over his worries that the Soviets will not negotiate in good faith, so long as he still rushes pell mell to negotiate with them every time they blow

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the whistle for him to come a-running.

But in between, and frequently as background preparation for these interminable "tension-relaxing flops," Mr. Herter uses the full prestige of his great office to spread the clever refrains of Communist propaganda. At the official meeting of the Organization of American States in Santiago, Chile, last year for instance, Mr. Herter went far out of his way to express the dislike of our government for dictators. The occasion and the context made it entirely clear, as Mr. Herter visibly intended, that he was referring to such "dictators" as Stroessner of Paraguay, Luis Somoza of Nicaragua, and Trujillo of the Dominican Republic. The increasingly feverish and vicious effort of the Soviets, and of their stooges like Romulo Betancourt and Fidel Castro, to overthrow these only three remaining firmly anti-Communist governments in all Latin America, is built around this phoney psychological attack on dictatorships, and around movements in behalf of "freedom and democracy." Mr. Herter was actually telling all of the Communist agitators in Latin America that their efforts to undermine our best real friends in the whole hemisphere, and to "liberate" their peoples into the hands of Communist dictators instead, would have the full blessing and encouragement of the U. S. State Department. And how little he and his fellow agitators are really disturbed by dictators—if only they are Communist instead of anti-Communist dictators—was shown by the fact that Nikita Khrushchev was practically on his way at that very time to visit America as an honored guest, on an invitation to which Mr. Herter had given his most enthusiastic approval.

Or note the Secretary's speech before the National Foreign Trade Council, this past November. He announced that a "common language" was beginning to emerge, in which the leaders of "East and West" could profitably exchange ideas. (Not the free world and the slave world, please remark, nor even the Soviets and the United States, but "East and West"; the latter being a euphemism now vigorously promoted by Soviet propaganda, helped along of course by Mr. Herter.) He

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then proceeded to explain: "We can find a common language because we have a common interest. That interest lies simply in the basic will to survive, shared by free men and communists alike. I think (continued Mr. Herter) the Soviet leadership is reaching a conclusion similar to our own—that unless the course of events is changed and changed soon, both sides face unacceptable risks of general nuclear war, which would approximate mutual suicide."

No, gentle reader, the above statement was not written by Cyrus Eaton, nor by Bertrand Russell, nor—as far as we know—by any ghost writer in the Kremlin. It was written by—or for—the American Secretary of State. It is, as you will have recognized, the exact propaganda line of the Committee For A Sane Nuclear Policy and for other clans of the "let's surrender" tribe. The game is basically very simple. The Soviets unceasingly make ever new demands and create ever new "tensions"; unceasingly we are told that we must give in, and our "leaders" see that we do give in, because that is preferable to the only other alternative, general nuclear war and a destruction of the planet, or of all human life on the planet. After each new partial surrender the Soviets merely make still new demands. So we give in further, again to preserve "peace," because nuclear war is unthinkable. Until eventually there is nothing left to surrender, the Soviets have been conceded the whole earth—and the use of nuclear weapons can be confined to the annihilation of *their enemies* only, without any corresponding danger to themselves. The planet will then have been saved *for Communism*, for at least that part of the human race willing to accept Communism,—and presumably for Mr. Christian Herter.

Finally, and omitting many other words and deeds that are more than passing strange in the career of Christian Herter, we should recognize the extreme brand of his internationalism. This conspicuous facet of his character, notable throughout his whole career, has been particularly radiant in the glow of the

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long and heated drive to establish a World Court, with supreme authority over a no-longer-independent America.

In November, 1945 a resolution was introduced into the United State Senate, by Senator Wayne Morse of Oregon, giving consent to our government's acceptance of the jurisdiction of the World Court over our nation, except with regard to purely domestic affairs. A similar joint resolution was introduced in the House in December, 1945 by the then Congressman Christian A. Herter. (And there is nothing exceptional about Christian Herter and Wayne Morse being in agreement on any issue.) The vital question, of course, was as to who should decide what were purely domestic affairs. Our national independence was saved at that time, from the Morse-Herter attack, by an amendment consisting of six words, so that the resolution as passed accepted this World Court jurisdiction except with regard to domestic affairs "as determined by the United States." This was the now famous Connally Reservation. Messrs. Herter, Morse, and their fellow internationalists were halted for a while, but by no means stopped.

Of course if Mr. Herter cannot have one world complete, he would be glad to accept any reasonable division thereof, so long as it subordinated the United States to some international body and wiped out the independence for which our forefathers fought and died. When he was Congressman he signed the Atlantic Union resolution, which called for sinking our sovereignty into a union of the British empire and other European countries. One of Mr. Herter's speeches was recently printed and distributed by the United World Federalists—for good reasons, from their point of view. The dinner given in his honor by the International Friendship League was appropriate and deserved. He is busily involved, on the best of terms, with practically anybody and everybody promoting one-worldism. His greatest esteem, and moral support, is reserved for those who would subordinate the United States to a position of equality with Indonesia or Cuba or Poland or Iraq, in any grouping, under some superior overall authority of whatever form or

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nature.

But the World Court still holds first place, as a means of wiping out American independence, in the hearts of Christian A. Herter, Hubert Humphrey, Charles O. Porter, Henry Luce, Estes Kefauver, Erwin Griswold, and all their weird clique of ideological fellow travelers. And now that we have the renewed drive for "World Peace Through World Law" (as Dean Manion says, "What Law?"), to begin with repeal of the Connally Reservation, you will find Christian Herter busily supporting that drive wherever he can find an opening. On January 27, 1960, for instance, the *New York Times* reported: "The Administration, in a sudden change of tactics, sent its first team to the Capitol today to urge the repeal of a restriction on United States participation in the International Court of Justice. (The restriction, as the *Times* condescended to explain further in the article, was the Connally Reservation). Christian A. Herter, Secretary of State, and William P. Rogers, Attorney General, assured the Senate Foreign Relations Committee of the Administration's support for repeal." And you can be sure that Christian Herter will keep voicing the support by any administration, and also his own support, for any measure to destroy American sovereignty, piece by piece or all at once, until that destruction is achieved.

Does all of this mean that we think Christian Herter is a Communist. Heavens to Betsy, no. We doubt if Mr. Herter has ever even seen a Communist Party card in his life, much less carried one. And if Mr. Herter had ever even stumbled accidentally into a Communist cell meeting, we feel sure the Communists themselves would hurriedly have yanked him out, to save from any possible contamination a man who was so useful to them as a non-Communist.

What Mr. Herter is and wants is entirely clear. He is an extreme internationalist, who wishes to see a one-world government established with enforceable power over all the nations of the earth—with all of these nations socialized and equalized

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and denationalized, so that a one-world administration would be practicable. If it happened to turn out, through the accidents of history and the fortuitous concatenation of present forces at work, that the seat of that one-world government was in Moscow; that the world-wide armies enforcing universal peace were under control of the Kremlin and using the Kremlin's highly efficient police-state methods; that the necessary mechanics for making socialism work gave the Kremlin's agencies and viceroys complete control over all the raw materials, farm production, and industrial output of the whole world, to move around and distribute as they saw fit; and that in the making of the world-wide omelet of peoples a few tens of millions of human heads unavoidably got busted and a few hundred million of other human beings lived out their whole span of years as miserable slaves; if the achievement of the glorious, beautiful, egalitarian, socialized, and *peaceful* one world, ruled by world law, should just happen to evolve in that manner, this would be a most unfortunate coincidence, which we are sure Mr. Herter would consider regrettable. But not *too* regrettable, of course, if there were no other way to bring about so desirable an end.

Et Sequitur

The Roman Emperor Galerius once said to a soldier: "Allow me to offer my congratulations on the admirable skill you have shown in missing the mark. Not to have hit once in so many trials argues the most splendid talents for missing."

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And the *American Statesman* tells us about the Western Union boy who happened to be sent to the State Department to deliver a message. The next morning he was on his way to Iran as a Communications Expert—with a car, chauffeur, and two assistants.

EUROPEAN SURVEY

by

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William Schlamm has now become the Joe McCarthy of West Germany. The analogy is supported even more by the opposition he has aroused than by the success he has achieved. The whole pack of Communist wolves and liberal hyenas is now in full cry to destroy him. And the only consolation for anti-Communists, everywhere, is that it was still possible for so aggressive a fighter against the Communist-socialist machine to get such a tremendous hearing, and following, in West Germany, years after the vile tactics and vicious smears that liquidated McCarthy had also paralyzed that fighter's possible successors.

Mr. Schlamm's book, published in English as Germany And The East-West Crisis, has sold only a few thousand copies in America. The "liberal" blanket which smothers such anti-Communist volumes was already too powerful here. But under its German title, Die Grenzen Des Wunders (which translates as The Limits Of The Miracle), it has become the largest-selling non-fiction book in Germany since the war, and probably—as we believe to be the case—in all German publishing history. His success as a speaker has risen to the same level. His basic theme—which we also must surely face, but not with the same at-once-ness as the German citizenry—is simply that the West Germans must make up their minds either to stand up to the Soviets, at whatever cost, or to surrender; and that the surrender should not be by indecision and gradual default.

This clear-cut decision is the last thing the Communists want to allow, in any country. So they and their dupes and sympathizers are now out to silence Schlamm, discredit him, and then erase all he has had to say from the public mind. And Der Spiegel will serve to illustrate the nature and extensiveness of the attack. This news weekly, of the same format as Time and corresponding roughly to it, filled the front cover of its May 11 issue with a close-up picture of our Associate Editor, with the only caption under the picture reading: Demagog Schlamm. (Remember when Time did exactly the same thing to McCarthy?)

Page 14 of this number consists of a vicious editorial attack on Schlamm. Then Pages 28 through 42 (fifteen full pages, with dozens of pictures of Schlamm, out of a magazine of ninety pages altogether, including advertising) is given over entirely to exposing Schlamm, his supporters, and the mischief they are creating. In a large picture on the last page, Schlamm the pied piper is luring behind him an unending line of young men in uniform, roughly four abreast. The caption under the picture reads ". . . the Germans followed him, and he led them to the East. They never came back." Obviously this going out to the East to meet the Soviet enemy is absurd, when you could simply stay home and surrender to them instead.

In the last column on the last page of this grand slam against Schlamm, it is very solemnly charged that the unscrupulous villain has produced, on sophomoric youth and senile old gentlemen alike, the following effect:

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- A total friend-or-enemy psychology. (*This uncivilized attitude would keep you from regarding a Communist as your friend even long enough for him to get into position to cut your throat, or to send you to a "reform-through-labor" camp.* Ed.)
- The myth of eternal war. (*Not to be confused with the highly trustworthy Communist myth of eternal "peace."* Ed.)
- A lack of comprehension of moral and ethical categories. (*Apparently Mr. Schlamm has not yet grasped that loyalty or patriotism is unethical—except for the Communists.* Ed.)
- A desire for risk-taking. (*Encouraging either young patriots or elder statesmen to want to take any risks to save their country from the Communists is certainly reprehensible. How oldfashioned can a man be?* Ed.)
- A susceptibility to superficial confusion. (*This is terrible. Especially since, if the Germans are unfortunate enough to have any counterpart to Walter Lippmann, a deep and profound confusion is so readily available.* Ed.)
- A contempt for progressives; that is, liberals and socialists. (*And this is serious. The idea could even spread to intelligent middle-aged people, as well as the young and the old. Then where would the editors of the large-circulation magazines be—in America or West Germany?* Ed.)

The truth is that William Schlamm has become a terrific force for strengthening the backbone of West German resistance to Communist blackmail, blandishments, and ultimate purposes. And just at a time when the brainwashing of the citizens of the Federal Republic was proceeding so well that the Social Democrats—with the Communists acting as their pied pipers—had a feeling that everything was going their way.

It's no wonder the whole liberal establishment of West Germany is now in an uproar over Mr. Schlamm. He is speaking some very penetrating truth, as you will see from the article that follows. We are glad to learn that Adenauer had even more to do, than the considerable we had suspected, with getting the summit sell-out postponed. We are sure that Willi Schlamm, in turn, will be glad to learn that the vigorous protests of patriotic Americans, registered in hundreds of thousands of letters, telegrams, and postcards, played a more important part in this happy accomplishment than he had suspected. But any such mutual support, between Adenauer and a strong body of American anti-Communists, is enough to give acute shivers to all of the super-liberals on both sides of the Atlantic. And the liberals in West Germany don't care whether this Yank goes home or not—just so he goes away.

As for ourselves, having been mainly responsible for keeping William Schlamm in Europe all of 1958, when he wrote the book that made all of his present influence possible, we are very pleased at the near-miracle which Willi himself has performed, and proud of the performer. So much so that we can almost forgive him for causing this magazine to be late—by our waiting just for his article. Provided, of course, that he never does it again.

KHRUSHCHEV is getting all the credit for sparing us the ultimate "summit" calamities. But the man who, for the time being, saved the West is Konrad Adenauer. It was his firmness, his sagacity, his courage, that made the Soviets realize how little maneuvering the semi-retired Mr. Eisenhower was al-

lowed in Paris. And so, never a humble man, Khrushchev cursed a little—and went home.

Adenauer's Opposition . . .

The critical moment of "summit" history had been reached, and passed, several weeks before the absurd "U-2"

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incident — when Adenauer suddenly popped up in Washington. He came, not exactly invited by the State Department, to tell Eisenhower a few exciting bits of news: That the German Government was not going to underwrite any Berlin "compromise"; that it was not going to participate in a "de facto" recognition of the Ulbricht regime, no matter what the American President might be prepared to concede; and, finally, that he, Adenauer, was determined to support the "haughty" policy of his friend, Charles de Gaulle.

It is quite possible that Mr. Herter didn't even then recognize the historical meaning of Adenauer's intervention. But the Soviets who, of course, were getting the news from Washington without delay, lost no time in evaluating the decisive change in the western climate: As Adenauer, after a heart-to-heart talk with de Gaulle, had finally assumed a posture of non-cooperation with any State Department appeasement, the United States would either have to go it alone, or submit to German firmness. And Khrushchev, who suffers from a healthy respect for German strength, didn't hesitate long in foreseeing the likely course the United States would *have* to take in such a dilemma; Germany remains the decisive American partner on the Continent, and there can't be an American continental policy that is opposed by a friendly German Government. Thus, the Soviets concluded, there can be no point in holding a "summit" meeting that had been vetoed in advance by Germany and France. And so the whole thing was called off.

These are the facts—but you won't find them mentioned in the meditations of America's certified commentators on

world affairs. Consider Walter Lippmann. He is, these days, the American most quoted by the Soviet press and the "neutralist" journals of all Europe. And it's not just his remarkable determination to put all the blame for the collapse in Paris on poor Eisenhower that makes Mr. Lippmann the main witness for the prosecution of America. More important is his indefatigable contribution to the smoke screen Khrushchev is throwing around the shambles of his defeat.

Despite The Nonsense Of The "Experts" . . .

The American "experts" on foreign policy (or, anyhow, those who advise the Establishment and the metropolitan press) have lately been giving birth to the most fabulous speculations concerning the Parisian events. Leaving aside the inanities advanced by the speech-writers for Messrs. Kennedy and Stevenson (to wit: that "summit"-peace could have been restored, if only Mr. Eisenhower had politely apologized for America being alive), there are two schools of thoughtlessness. One proposes that Khrushchev has lost out to a "neo-Stalinist" Party faction which, in alliance with the Soviet Army, wants a return to the "cold war." And the other suggests that Red China is assuming the leadership of the Communist Empire; and thus, an agreeable Khrushchev must now obey the signals of a disagreeable Mao. Both speculations, in addition to being fallacious, and advanced without a shred of factual evidence, are a deadly danger to the West.

How many *more* blows of life experience will it take to beat the fact into the western mind that the Soviets have

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never stopped the "cold war" — and never can? The "summit" was conceived, not as a kind of peace conference to end the "cold war," and to establish "co-existence," but as a decisive move *in* the "cold war." For what we call "cold war" is nothing but the inevitable consequence of the fact that, to the Communists, *policy is the continuation of war by other means*. To stop the "cold war," the Communists would have to stop being Communists.

In particular, the Paris "summit" conference blew up because, unlike the United States, Communists do not participate in conferences without some certainty of success. And there was, this time, no chance — because Germany would not permit Macmillan and Eisenhower to sell her down the river. But there was nothing else that could be sold. For the Soviets, any settlement in the "cold war" means Soviet progress. They neither can, nor do they wish to, call off the "cold war." They merely mean to *win* it. And as there was to be no surrender of the West in Paris (thanks to Adenauer), they withdrew to regroup their forces for the next battle.

When and where it will take place, no one can tell, not even Khrushchev. The next few months will be a time of probing. And on their search for our most exposed flanks the Soviets might jump at Formosa, or at South Korea (where we have just intervened to destroy one of the few reliable Asian allies of the West), or at Turkey, or at Italy. Or they won't jump at all but merely wait for the Lippmanns and Kennedys and Stevensons to panic the West into a new and even more reckless readiness for "summitry" — a "summitry" that, next time, might be

allowed by a German Government no longer presided over by Konrad Adenauer. At which point I'd like to ponder a remark by Khrushchev that has been universally interpreted as a reference to the forthcoming American elections, but which, in my opinion, was addressed to Germany. I mean, of course, his parting statement in Paris that a next "summit" meeting might take place "in six or eight months."

True, in six or eight months a new President will speak for the United States. But (whether it will be Kennedy or Symington or Nixon) the next American President is most certainly not going to be an easier pushover for Khrushchev than was Mr. Eisenhower —for the simple reason that *any* future American President will be a politician, and not a famous general, and will therefore have to persuade the electorate, at least at the beginning of his term, that he is no appeasing stooge for the Soviets. For Khrushchev to anticipate a more successful "summit" meeting "in six or eight months," just because of the change of guards in America, would have been a delusion. But Khrushchev is not known for optimistic delusions. He figures in realistic terms. And the realistic hope for him is to expect, not exactly in six or eight months, but in about a year, a change in the leadership of West Germany.

And here is another key to the comprehension of recent events: The Soviets think they have reasons to anticipate a Social-Democratic victory in next year's German elections; and so they postponed the showdown on Berlin for another year. This Soviet anticipation, I am afraid, is entirely realistic. The Social Democrats have won, in recent months, in a few regional elections (Ba-

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varia, Wurtemberg-Baden) so decisively that, even if Adenauer is then still alive, they might win the general elections in 1961. And Willy Brandt (whom the same State Department that has destroyed Syngman Rhee keeps building up throughout the United States) would indubitably lose what Adenauer has gained—Germany's strategic role in the “cold war.”

Prevented Disaster At The Summit . . .

This, indeed, is the essential meaning of the Paris “collapse”: Under Mr. Eisenhower's leadership the United States has lost even its power to surrender—and Germany, under Adenauer, has grown into the decisive factor of the western alliance. By the same token, the Soviets are resolved now to concentrate on undermining the German position. It can be softened, to the point of dissolution, by Willy Brandt's ascendancy to power. And while the Soviets, for the next year or so, may have less chances to influence domestic American politics, their prospects of interfering in German domestic affairs are much brighter.

In the first place, Adenauer's courage in torpedoing the surrender-conference at the “summit” showed against the very background of a frighteningly feeble, absurdly “appeasement”-minded German public opinion. It so happens that I myself have become a test case. For the last few months, I was engaged in a truly national discussion with Germany: my lectures in dozens of German cities were mass meetings (in about forty lectures I have talked to more than 100,000 Germans); my book, *Die Grenzen des Wunders* (Title of the American edition: “Germany and the

East-West Crisis”), is still arousing a storm of controversy; and the synthetic German “public opinion” erupts in an unprecedented flood of attacks against my “war-mongering” (my scrap-books contain about 2,500 clippings collected in eight months).

Actually I served (and I was happy to do so) merely as a scapegoat for Adenauer. The “neutralist” German press (and there is hardly any other) no longer dares attack the venerable Old Man directly; and so it seems determined to slaughter him by proxy. True, no one will deny that the popular response to this strange debate proves the German press to be a thoroughly synthetic “public opinion”: millions of Germans, for the first time since 1945 are actively taking sides, and by no means only the wrong side. But, also for the first time since 1945, organized “public opinion” in Germany is demonstrating its capacities as an instrument to be masterfully played by the Soviet virtuosos of brainwashing.

For Adenauer, to have ignored that monolithic “public opinion” in Germany was a measure of his guts. No such guts can be expected from Willy Brandt who, on the contrary, is betting on the *support* of the “neutralist” German press. But even if he were not—he would be merely the front-man for a Social Democratic Party that is being bossed by a tough Herbert Wehner who, though he left the German Communist Party in the forties, remains the German counterpart of Tito: a Revolutionary Socialist who desires a German, not a Russian, version of Revolutionary Socialism. And Tito, by definition, is a Revolutionary Socialist who in all crucial moments *must* line up with the Soviets.

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But We Still Have Lippmann's Line . . .

Which gets us to that other wild speculation: That Khrushchev has become Mao's junior partner. Of course, it's entirely possible that Chinese and Russian Communists are engaged in some internal brawls for position. Communists *always* are. In no political movement is there, quite naturally, so much catty intrigue as in the Communist Party. This is precisely because the wages of being on the top are the privileges of unparalleled power. The likelihood of infights grows with the incentive. But, to repeat, such fights have nothing to do with the health, the effectiveness, the undiluted zeal of the Party. In the Communist Party, it never matters who the top dog is—whatever he is, the Party proceeds according to unchangeable plan.

So even if there were any evidence of a clash between Mao and Khrushchev (there is none), it would have no bearing on goals and strategies of World Communism. Chinese, of course, are Chinese, and Russians are Russians; but Chinese and Russian Communists are first and last Communists. A western policy that permits itself to be determined by rumors of a Chinese-Soviet feud will explode in the face of the western world. The conveyor belts for the fabrication of such rumors are made in Moscow. And at any decisive moment Chinese, Russian, Yugoslav, and German Communism will most fraternally cooperate—and lick a western world thoroughly confused by its "sophistication."

Walter Lippmann, who even for the past forty years hasn't been exactly a blessing, is now reaching his pinnacle of mischief. Every bit of his "reason-

ing" is an invaluable asset for Khrushchev who, thanks to our Lippmannia, may yet handsomely dig himself out from under the Parisian debris. Hypnotized by *fata morganas* of internal Communist feuds and rifts, the West may allow the German "Left" to conquer power in Bonn—and thus, with one stroke, undo the present balance of power in the whole world. No doubt, every point along the West's perimeter is important; but the West must not for a second lose sight of the elementary fact that Germany remains the strategic area in which the fate of the entire free world is being determined—for good.

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While In Turkey . . .

All around that German center, precisely because Adenauer has made it firm and unyielding, the Soviets keep nibbling away. The military *putsch* in Turkey, to be sure, has been interpreted on the whole as a patriotic undertaking without any inherent political ambition one way or another; and, indeed, the General in charge of the country seems to be a man of a disarmingly virginal mind. But this, precisely, is the danger. The fine art of Communist strategy has always been to pick in the "underdeveloped" and semi—"underdeveloped" areas such virginal minds—and to activate them by magnificently effective operators who, for the time being, remain backstage. The dethroned Turkish Prime Minister Menderes, whatever else he was, was most certainly no naive "progressive." He also was a proven friend of the West. His naive successor, whatever else he will turn out to be, is bound to act as a "progressive" and, to put it cautiously, a friend of "both sides." This is the inexorable consequence of

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a military *putsch* that has no clear-cut political ambition: Naive soldiers, anxious to get "popular approval," tend to fall for a clever Left that knows how to simulate mass applause. The inescapable political style of a military *junta* is "dynamism"—and in that field, trained Communist operators remain undisputed masters.

In Japan, In Italy, And Everywhere . . .

Before these comments can be published, Japan may have passed its point of no return. A few years after General MacArthur resigned from his unforgettable consulate in the Far East, Japan, at any rate, is demonstrating the shortsightedness of the political myth that stays at the bottom of our foreign policy; that the type of parliamentary democracy that has become America's organically grown tradition is the only correct democratic system anywhere else in the world; and that, therefore, American support of a foreign regime must depend on that regime's readiness to imitate American rules of the political game. That is what the Kishi government, out of necessity rather than for indigenous reasons, has been doing all the time — with fatal consequences. Under the conditions of postwar Japan (and the greater part of Asia and Africa), a necessarily superficial imitation of American-style democracy must result in mob rule — and, before our eyes, Japan is learning this dreadful lesson. We shall be extremely lucky if this proves not to be the last lesson Japan will be allowed to learn.

At the moment, the Japanese mob opposition against the Kishi regime centers on anti-American demagoguery, not yet on an openly pro-Soviet basis.

But anti-Americanism is — and not just in Japan — all that the Soviets need to advance their own policy. Basically, developments in Japan are bound to resemble those of Cuba: Atomized and morally disarmed by a mechanical application of "majority-rules," a people unprepared for the delicate workings of parliamentary democracy is first aroused by a violent envy of rich Uncle Sam and then becomes an easy prey for Soviet operators. This trick works all around the world — in Italy as well as in Cuba and Japan.

For the permanent governmental crisis in Italy that is moving towards a final solution (most likely in October or November) is basically a crisis of a "parliamentary" democratic concept not quite suited for Italy's political and historic reality. Not unlike the Weimar Republic of the late twenties, contemporary Italy simply cannot produce a governmental parliamentary majority of the center: Between them, the extreme forces of the Left and the Right make a middle-of-the-road government unfeasible. So what can be done? Should the essence of freedom be saved and protected, even if that were to mean a violation of the rules of the game? Or must the rules of the game be obeyed, even if that were to mean the loss of freedom? In practical political terms: Should a workable parliamentary majority be attained with the support of pro-Communist Nenni (as there is no other reliable way of attaining it) — or should Italy, to protect freedom against Communists as well as Fascists, embark upon a course that is not "parliamentary" in the Anglo-Saxon sense of the word? This, in a nutshell, is the essence of the decision Italy must face without much further delay.

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The Communists Fight The Cold War . . .

Which choice it will take is, unfortunately, quite obvious. Italy's Christian Democrats will choose Nenni. His friend Fanfani is already in full control of the Christian Democratic party, and Italy's current Prime Minister, Tambroni, seems resigned to serving as Fanfani's stand-in for the summer months of profitable "Olympic" tourism. The dice will be cast by November. We are witnessing another human sacrifice for the greater glory of "parliamentary democracy;" to preserve the *formalities* of the game, another civilized nation is willing to lose the game. And the same American commentators, who would sputter contempt and poisonous ire against an Italian leadership willing to save the integrity of Italian (and western) freedom, will applaud Nenni's ascendancy to power — the end of freedom in Italy, and the end of western control of the Mediterranean.

France, in 1958, has refused to be trapped by a democratic "logic" that, with appalling directness, keeps serving Communist goals all around the world: By entrusting General de Gaulle with almost royal powers, it has gained a new lease on life. Had de Gaulle failed in 1958, France would today be ruled by a regime of the "popular front" — which, I am afraid, would be its fate in a moment if the General were to die.

Germany is being driven towards the same storm center — and it will be engulfed in that storm by the autumn of 1961, at the latest. For even if *Der Alte* should perform for another year as vitally as he has been performing in recent months, Germany's general elections of October, 1961 may be the first to go against him. In revealing truth,

Adenauer has won all his electoral victories, not with his foreign policy, but with the miracle of German domestic prosperity. But, after ten years of uninterrupted well-being, "prosperity" is no longer an issue; *everybody* in Germany takes it simply for granted. Thus, I am afraid, "prosperity" is no longer Adenauer's winning trump. The satiated German *Buerger* may next time respond to other stimuli — for instance, the fear of trouble with the Soviets, unless Germany was willing to "negotiate" through a Social-Democratic Government.

With "Peace" And "Democracy" As Their Weapons . . .

Fear, it seems to me, is the whole frame of reference the Soviets are building for the near future all over the world; and in Germany especially. Not for a moment will the world be allowed "serenity." Twenty-four hours a day will the world tremble with the nervous anticipation of a major conflict; this is the strategic purpose of the alleged shift in Soviet policy that has brought about an alleged return to the "cold war." The objective, quite simply, is to achieve one nervous collapse after another. And, as a result of such nervous collapses, one surrender after another. The most important surrender, of course, would be that of Germany. Out of the synthetic "public opinion" in Germany there emerges, with ever increasing clarity, the slogan; "If Communism can win without a war, may it win." The only cure for this paralysis of fear is an American policy that would turn the tables on the Soviets and, for a change, make *them* pay for the avoidance of conflict. There is just no other policy.

A FOOTNOTE TO THE AIR FORCE MANUAL

by

D. HAYES MURPHY

Mr. Murphy is a very successful manufacturer and highly regarded citizen of Hartford, Connecticut. He is also a good friend of your editor. And some time ago he sent us a copy of a speech which he had made on March 25, 1960 to a service club in Hartford.

This excellent speech contained one small but quite interesting item, recovered from the pigeon holes of history, which became even more interesting when the storm of controversy recently broke over an Air Force Manual which dared to tell the truth about Communist infiltration into our churches. With Mr. Murphy's permission, and with the minor editing required because of pulling these pages out of context, we present below that part of the speech which had stuck so forcefully in our memory.

IN 1933 I attended a Babson Conference at Wellesley Hills. The Program was featured by three speakers. One explained Fascism, the second Socialism, and the third Communism. When the Communist got up to speak, he said that he agreed with the Socialist so far as objectives were concerned, but that Communists did not have the patience to wait for the world change to be brought about by peaceful parliamentary procedure. "We believe," said the Communist, Mr. X [in substance, and as nearly verbatim as my recollection can make it, in this and the following quotations], "that our cause is so essential to the welfare of the human race that we will employ any means — including force — to accomplish our purpose."

Communist X then turned to a Babson chart which was hanging on the wall behind him. It was the regulation Babson chart, with its X-Y line, showing the average upward trend of production. Areas in black above that line

indicated periods of prosperity, and areas in red below the line indicated periods of depression. It was a long chart, extending back to the 1870's. Communist X, pointing to the areas below the line, said: "These are depression periods, and you will notice they are in red. That's our color — red. And those red patches are getting bigger and bigger as the years go by. Some day there will come a depression so big that unemployment and discontent will be general throughout the land. That will be the day when we start our revolution and take over the United States for Communism."

It was a bloodcurdling speech. And at that point a little lady in the audience just couldn't take any more. She jumped to her feet and gave Communist X the beautiful tongue-lashing he so well deserved. She told him that we didn't want him in this country and that if he thought the Russian system was so good he should go there where he belonged. He listened with cold and

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cynical politeness. When she had finished he said: "Madam, I presume you are an American citizen. I am an American citizen — born right here in Boston. I like it here and have no intention of accepting your invitation to go to Russia. In fact, when the revolution comes I wouldn't miss it for anything because I will be one of the leaders."

At the time this Communist was speaking we were still in the biggest of all depressions, the great depression of the '30's. I often wondered why they did not take advantage of that situation to start their revolution. Eventually I learned the reason. They simply did not have the strength and numbers then, as they were well aware. In 1931, one of their own, Dimitry Z. Manuilsky, had made a revealing speech at the Lenin School of Political Warfare in Moscow. I believe the report of what he said, though much argued-about now as to documentation, to be substantially correct. And I believe it deserves repetition today. Here it was — in 1931:

"War to the hilt between Communism and capitalism is inevitable. Today, of course, we are not strong enough to attack. Our time will come in twenty or thirty years.

"To win, we shall need the element of surprise. The bourgeoisie will have to be put to sleep. So we shall begin by launching the most spectacular peace movement on record. There will be electrifying overtures and unheard of concessions. The capitalist countries, stupid and decadent, will rejoice to cooperate in their own destruction. They will leap at another chance to be friends. As soon as their guard is down, we shall smash them with our clenched fist."

THAT IS THE STORY OF THE 1933 Babson Conference and Communist X, as I knew it when I incorporated it into a speech I made here in Hartford in September, 1958. After that meeting I determined to renew my efforts to find out who Communist X was and what he had been doing since 1933. So I wrote Babson's again, repeating an earlier request, and urging that they make another search of their old files. They did. And this time they came up with the answer. So here is the rest of the story.

The name of Communist X is Professor Harry F. Ward and his address, Union Theological Seminary, New York. I wrote to Professor Ward, asking what he said at the 1933 Conference and how he felt about it now. Here is his reply, dated October 17, 1959:

"Because of being retired and without a secretary, and two deadlines for an article and a pamphlet to meet, I have been unable until now to answer your request.

"I regret that I have no recollection of what I said at the Babson 1933 Conference. However, since that was the year that Scribner's published my study of social incentives in the Soviet Union, which I made there during the academic year of 1931-2, under the title, *In Place Of Profit*, it is safe to say that what is in that book was the foundation of what I said. If your city library does not have a copy, your state library may, and should have an extension mail service.

"As to the second part of your request, another deadline denies me time to say anything except that I have kept informed up to date on my special interest in the Soviet Union and what I said in my book still stands up."

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Sure enough, his book was in our Hartford Library and the card showed that it had been withdrawn forty-five times in the years 1935 to 1959 inclusive. And two brief quotations from this book, *In Place Of Profit*, will give you a general idea of its nature:

"The suppression of the minority of exploiters . . . will cost far less bloodshed than the suppression of the slaves, serfs, or wage laborers, and will cost the human race far less. So today Communists say, 'We are a hard, a cruel people, even to ourselves. We keep our eyes on the goal.'"

"For the compensating aspects of religion the Communists have no need, since theirs is a world-conquering faith."

As to what the Professor has been doing since 1933, when I met him at Babson's, I shall read to you from a Government document and you may draw your own conclusions. This is from the sworn testimony of Manning Johnson before the Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, July 7, 8, 13 and 14, 1953, Page 278. At the end of his testimony Mr. Johnson was asked to summarize the over-all manner in which the Communists have attempted to infiltrate and poison the religious organizations of America. Mr. Johnson, a former top-level member of the Communist Party, who had become converted from the error of his ways, complied conscientiously with this request. And the following is quoted from his summary:

"Once the tactic of infiltrating religious organizations was set by the Kremlin, the actual mechanics of implementing the 'new line' was a question of following the general experiences of the living church movement in Russia, where the Communists

discovered that the destruction of religion could proceed much faster through infiltration of the church by Communist agents operating within the church itself.

"The Communist leadership in the United States realized that a small force of Communist agents concentrated in seminaries and divinity schools could influence the ideology of future clergymen in the paths most conducive to Communist purposes.

"The Communists had small forces in the seminaries under the leadership of Harry F. Ward. These forces were quickly augmented by additional recruits and siphoned into the divinity institutions by manipulations of Communist cells in the seminaries. This infiltration into seminaries was further expedited by the use of considerable forces the Communists had in educational institutions which were eligible for hire by divinity organizations.

"The plan was to make the seminaries the neck of a funnel through which thousands of potential clergymen would issue forth, carrying with them, in varying degrees, an ideology and slant which would aid in neutralizing the anti-Communist character of the church and also to use the clergy to spearhead important Communist projects.

"The policy was successful beyond even the Communists' expectations."

So now we have answer to a question which had been worrying me for over a quarter of a century. We know who Communist X of the 1933 Babson Conference was. We know what he has been doing and can guess what he still is doing. But why on earth our Government allows such long continued treachery is still a bigger question, to which there seems to be no answer.

In Place Of A Thousand Words



The Grass Gets Little Water, But –
HOW THE COMMUNIST WEEDS DO LOVE IT!

BULLETS

Ten good soldiers, wisely led,
Will best a hundred without a head.

D'Arcy Thompson

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How times change. A few years ago you could finance a pretty fair sized war for what a few weeks of peace cost us today.

Santa Ana Register

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In Congress a man gets up and says nothing. Nobody listens. Then everybody disagrees.

Maine Farmer,
Quoted By Leonard Lyons

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"I'm a self made man. What did I do wrong?"

Let's Have Better Mottoes Association

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People would be only too glad to mind their own business — if the government would give it back.

Dan Bennett

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Throughout all human history the forces of "liberalism" (usually successful) have been the forces of ignorance marshalled by a sophisticated hypocrisy.

Our Own Observation

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The state is the great fiction by which everybody wants to enrich himself at the expense of everybody.

Bastiat

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The fool in a hurry drinks his tea with chopsticks.

Chinese Proverb

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Boy to girl studying menu: "Filet migon? It's pickled goat's liver. Why?"

Kiwanis Magazine

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"Young man, what do you mean you don't sell goldfish here? Isn't this a drugstore?"

Paul Steiner

We are served worse by many servants than by a few.

Aristotle

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Must we keep our eyes shut and our pocketbooks open to projects fostered under the beautiful names of education and religion, no matter by whom, or how sponsored or run?

McDaniel Lewis

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Coexistence . . . When their knife and your back go steady.

The American Statesman

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One man — in the right place at the right time — can betray millions.

Geza Korda

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Americans will pay for government this year more than they will spend on all food, clothing, medical care, and religious activities combined.

National Review

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Sign on stenographer's desk: "Gone for the day. Will be back for lunch and coffee breaks."

Let's Have Better Mottoes Association

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The sap runs in the spring. But the girl catches him anyway.

Try Square

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A fool may be known by six things: anger, without cause; speech, without profit; change, without progress; inquiry, without object; putting trust in a stranger; and mistaking foes for friends.

Arabian Proverb

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Am I therefore become your enemy, because I tell you the truth?

Galatians IV, 16

A REVIEW OF REVIEWS

by

REVILO P. OLIVER

Barry Goldwater is the most conspicuous conservative in the Republican Party today. He was returned to the Senate in 1958 despite the best efforts of an extremely efficient gang of political assassins. Recently the Republicans of South Carolina instructed their delegates to vote for his nomination at the coming Republican convention. Everywhere that one goes in this country, one hears staunch Republicans hope that their party will choose Senator Goldwater as its presidential candidate, but they speak, for the most part, in the wistful tones that men use when they hope that a wastrel son may mend his ways. Indeed, the amphisbænic "experts," who knew that Taft could not win in 1952, seem now to have convinced almost everyone that the Republican convention will be in the control of forces that will brook no interference from non-professionals. But this is not yet certain.

If a rumor which comes to us from two fairly good sources is correct, the spectacular defeat of Robert Morris in New Jersey was at least partly procured by a thunderous cracking of whips in the Republican machine organizations during the last week before the primaries, and the whips were cracked in response to orders from Mr. Nixon transmitted through Attorney General Rogers. Mr. Nixon's motive is said to have been, not personal antipathy, but a need to contrive a vicarious demonstration that Senator Goldwater, if nom-

inated, could not be elected. This would suggest, at least, that the convention's chickens, so confidently counted by the "experts," have not all been hatched.

Senator Goldwater has written a clear and forthright statement of his principles, *THE CONSCIENCE OF A CONSERVATIVE* (Victor, Shepherdsville, Kentucky; 123 pages, \$3.00). No one can complain that he has not been explicit. He uses words that have become indecorous in our fashionable finishing schools, and if this little book should fall into the hands of our more innocent Liberals, who have been raised on the Elsie Dinsmore stories approved by Aunties Adlai and Eleanor, the emotions excited in their tightly corseted minds may call for restoratives more potent than smelling salts.

The principles stated in this book sound like a consensus of the conservative meetings that I have attended in recent years. Senator Goldwater, disdaining the ambiguities and self-contradictions that are now regarded as being as indispensable to a politician as is a good blind to a duck hunter, proposes a return to Constitutional government by (a) fully repudiating the totalitarian concept of the Welfare State, (b) abolishing the unconstitutional usurpations of power, such as the present system of agricultural serfdom, which corrupted courts have granted to bureaucrats, (c) liquidating, immediately or, in a few instances, over a period of ten years, all the subsidies, "welfare" schemes, and

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socialistic agencies devised by "New Dealers" to corrupt the electorate, (d) repealing all grants of special rights to gangsters operating in the guise of labor unions, (e) eliminating a *graduated* income tax, and (f) recognizing the rights guaranteed to states by the Constitution, including, of course, complete control over their educational systems, which means that they have a right to segregate pupils on any basis they deem proper or, if they should so desire, abolish public education. (In an excursus the author shows that he is aware of the extent to which all public education has been poisoned by the cheap sophistries of John Dewey, but remedies must be found on the local level.) On foreign policy Senator Goldwater is equally unequivocal: we must stop the idiotic system of "foreign aid," and we must recognize that Communism is our implacable enemy, which, if we are to survive, we must destroy by all necessary means, including, if others fail, war.

The most rigorous conservative critic will find little in this book to which he can take exception. He will note that Senator Goldwater has chosen not to discuss (1) the restoration of a sound currency, (2) immigration, (3) the removal of traitors now holding positions of authority in government and the armed services, and a number of minor matters. At only one point can it fairly be argued that the Senator has hedged. After explicitly recommending that we "withdraw diplomatic recognition from all Communist governments including that of the Soviet Union," and recognizing both the extent of Communist control of the "United Nations" and the use of that weird device to induce "an unconstitutional surrender of American

sovereignty," he cautiously says that "withdrawal from the United Nations is probably not the answer to these problems." Now the reserved meaning may be one of which most of us would approve. But many conservatives feel, as I do, that the "United Nations" poses numerous problems, all of which could be solved in thirty minutes by one company of U. S. Marines.

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In October, 1958, the Pioche *Record*, a newspaper in southeastern Nevada, began publication of a series of nine editorials on the Constitution. Since that time the newspaper has had to do without the advertising that various corporations, including *all* of the resort hotels in the region, had normally placed in its pages. Our inquiries by telephone have not enabled us to determine the relation between these two events, for discordant explanations are offered by persons who should be in a position to know. One is that the withdrawal of advertising was contrived by the malice of a discharged employé, and therefore merely coincidental. The other is that the advertisers were made indignant by the newspaper's temerity in reminding Americans that they have rights under a document that had best be forgotten.

The editorials have been published, with an introduction by Congressman Dale Alford, under the title, THE CONSTITUTIONAL CRISIS (Speller & Sons, New York; 63 pages, \$2.00 cloth). Expounding the indisputable meaning of the Constitution with a vigor and clarity that reminds one of Mr. Holmes Alexander's articles, "How to Read the *Federalist*," in AMERICAN OPINION (see especially the issues of October and November, 1958, and September, 1959),

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the author of these essays shows that the decision of the Supreme Court concerning the segregation of races in Southern schools is nothing less than a revolutionary usurpation of power, a disguised *coup d'état* carried out by a "conspiracy to destroy the Constitution."

These articles were timely when they were written, before the governor of Virginia began to display the strange tergiversation that did much to confuse the South, and they are even more timely today, when the citizens of all states must understand the totalitarian forces that are capturing them. The author has merely stated what must be obvious to everyone who has read and understood the Constitution. Of course, no amount of lucidity and logic will convince sentimentalists whose thinking is done in their viscera, and these qualities will merely exasperate our "intellectuals," who believe themselves appointed by some unnamed divinity to trick Americans into doing anything that is "socially desirable" because it enables uneducated educators to feel important.

The present crisis, of course, is possible only because Americans, confused by glib and vapid sophistries, have almost ceased to think in terms of principles, and hence fail to understand the implications of governmental acts. What if the Supreme Court, which based its infamous decision in part on a Communist-inspired scribbling which stated that "the American Constitution is in many respects impractical and ill suited for modern conditions," should simply decree that the Constitution is therefore unconstitutional? What if Eisenhower, in the event that the Senate should refuse to accept some deal made at the "Summit," should please some of his advisers by sending in the para-

troopers? Such acts would doubtless be politically inexpedient at this time, but precedents for them have been set by actions which differ from them *legally* only in the way that the theft of a lamb differs from the theft of a sheep.

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A much more complete and philosophic discussion of the same question is Felix Morley's **FREEDOM AND FEDERALISM** (Regnery, Chicago; 281 pages, \$5.00). The author has given us a singularly perspicuous analysis of the federal government established by the Constitution, and a summary of the historical process by which the structure of American government was distorted and broken down in favor of an alien and inherently preposterous form of government called "democracy"—a political disease against which the means of prophylaxis adopted by the founders of our Republic unfortunately proved inadequate.

If we are to understand a situation, we must understand its causes, and Mr. Morley's historical account will suffice to warn us against optimistic oversimplifications. It is true that our imminent peril is the work of the great Communist conspiracy, which has been operating on a constantly expanding scale in our country since 1872. It is also true that the success of this conspiracy was largely made possible by our foolhardy failure to prevent the immigration of actual and potential members of the conspiracy. But it is well to remember that the seeds of totalitarian tyranny were present in our very origin, when our population was both culturally and racially comparatively homogeneous. Mr. Morley points out that the concept of federalism was obscured and weakened before the Civil War, which could not otherwise have occurred.

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The framers of the Constitution, as Hamilton assured the legislature of New York, thought it impossible that one state would ever be so foolish as to be a party to coercion of another state. The Civil War proved them wrong, but the real subversion of the Constitution came with the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendments. These amendments, conceived in the diseased and malignant soul of Thaddeus Stevens as part of a policy that no American can now contemplate without shame and remorse, were not only as repugnant to the intent of the Constitution as would have been an amendment establishing a monarchy, but they were never legally ratified. Of this there can be no possible doubt, and so long as we go on pretending that these amendments are legally valid and part of the Constitution, we shall as a nation be in the moral position of a man who holds possession of a farm or building under deeds which he knows to have been forged. He may resolve to use honestly the proceeds of theft, but the moral paradox will taint his every act.

Like so many of our other ills, the general misunderstanding of the basic principle of our federal system has been the result of slovenly language and blurred thinking. There is a form of government, which has much to recommend it, that is properly called democracy, but as Aristotle and every subsequent political thinker (including Madison and other framers of the Constitution) has clearly seen, it is possible only in a political unit small enough to form a single community whose citizens can have personal knowledge of one another, and carefully exclude from citizenship persons who do not share the community's traditions. But it is a char-

acteristic of untutored minds to ignore the necessary relationship of form to size. It is, for example, a biological fact that the human organism is viable only within narrow limits of size, and that men whose height exceeds seven feet are invariably weak, short-lived, and sterile. But children and primitives imagine that an increase in size is an increase in strength, and so believe in giants forty feet tall, although such a being, if it existed, would be so unwieldy that it could not move a step without fracturing its limbs. The same kind of uncontrolled imagination leads people to believe, against all the evidence, in the possibility of a big democracy.

The absurdity of this notion was partly concealed by the myth of the "general will" that was devised by the muddled mind of Jean Jacques Rousseau, a vain, pretentious, and ignorant adventurer gifted with a capacity for vivid and rhythmical prose, who wandered about Europe abandoning his illegitimate children and perpetually snivelling about the supernal purity of his heart. Rousseau's romantic nonsense has a strange fascination for sentimental and uncritical minds, and should be studied in detail by anyone who wishes to understand the political disasters of the Nineteenth Century and its aftermath.

As Mr. Morley points out, the myth of a "general will" provided a theory whereby centralization of our national government could be described as "democratic," although it necessarily destroys the local form of democracy, which alone is possible, and also destroys the federal principle by which the framers of the Constitution sought to preserve the sovereignty of the states and the

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liberties of individuals. Now the shabby sham that is based on the notion of a "general will" and currently called "democracy" is a social process comparable to a chemical reaction and can have only one product: a totalitarian dictatorship that is a mere regression to the despotism and slave-morality of the Orient. That, of course, is what is now happening.

We could save ourselves from serfdom by returning to the federal form of government embodied in the Constitution and the first twelve amendments—and making ourselves and the holders of franchise morally equal to the responsibilities of free men. But there is one difficulty, one real impediment to the attainment of full liberty, both political and economic. Mr. Morley, unlike Mr. Chodorov in his excellent *Rise and Fall of Society* (see *AMERICAN OPINION*, Sept. 1959, p. 49), does face this problem.

There is one, and only one, valid reason for a strong central government: war. Mr. Morley notes that our wars have always promoted centralization; and "democracy," despite its cant about the beauties of peace, seems instinctively to seek war. (But the "instinct" may be the conscious choice of governors. Certainly one reason why Roosevelt was so eager to get a war started in Europe was to further his plans for a personal absolutism, and it is clear that the reason why even non-Communist bureaucrats in Washington were eager to see the Soviet equipped with atomic bombs was a realization that if Americans were not frightened by a strong and terrible enemy, they would not long tolerate a great mass of parasites to which they are now in economic and political subjection.) Our federal system

was based on the assumption that our wars would be limited to repelling invaders, and Mr. Morley believes that foreign wars, or the threat of them, always impel nations to the centralization that culminates in a dictatorship.

All this we may grant. But nothing is more certain than that we are *now* engaged in a war which we are losing by folly and treason; that unless Russia and China are destroyed by internal explosions, we must win that war or perish; and that if we win, we shall emerge as a great imperial power. Like Rome after the Second Punic War, we shall have passed the point of no return, and like Rome we shall find ourselves compelled to shoulder unwillingly the burden of empire. But the empire in turn was the doom of the Roman Republic. Is it possible that we could, as England did with fair success for a century, combine freedom at home with imperialism abroad?

Mr. Morley sees this grim prospect, but he can only offer us the hope that somehow, somehow, the war will abate, rather than increase, in intensity.

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The framers of our Constitution were wise men, but they were not omniscient. As may be seen from such devices as the electoral college, they did not anticipate the true horrors of the two-party system, universal suffrage, and an increasingly corrupted electorate. Indeed, if they had had even a moment's pre-
vision of a ward organization in a modern city, they would have been tempted to throw down their pens in disgust and despair.

John S. Norris in *THE CONNIVERS* (Vantage, New York; 353 pages, \$3.95) gives under the guise of a novel a tepidly realistic and pedestrian account

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of the workings of a ward machine in Chicago. From this book you can learn much about a dirty little business and the dirty little men who run it, and you will wonder whether any nation can long survive the unlimited suffrage that makes them possible.

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Among the millions of soldiers and civilians whom the Anglo-American armies under the command of General Eisenhower drove to death or slavery in Russia in 1945 was the late Nikolai N. Krasnov, Jr., author of *THE HIDDEN RUSSIA* (Holt, New York; 347 pages, \$5.00). An interpreter assigned to General Vassiliev of the Free Russian army, he witnessed the treachery by which English officers, pledging the honor of Great Britain, cozened the general, disarmed his troops, ambushed his officers on their way to a "conference" to which they had been invited by the Allied commanders, bludgeoned them, loaded them into trucks, and delivered them to the Communists, as planned by Roosevelt and Stalin at Yalta.

With the exception of a few who found means of committing suicide, the leaders of the men whom we thus betrayed were eventually executed, and the rest were distributed among the various slave-labor camps, partly, perhaps, because the Soviets needed beasts of burden, but primarily, as Mr. Krasnov perceived, so that they would bear witness to the infamy of the Western powers and assure the Russian people that the British and Americans were as perfidious and inhuman as the Communists with whom they so cordially cooperated.

Mr. Krasnov, who was a slave for a little more than ten years and then re-

leased, almost by chance, when the Kremlin thought it expedient to quell general unrest with simulated reforms, describes the Russian people in terms that, on the whole, correspond to the thesis of Eugene Lyons' *Our Secret Allies*. He reports that they regard Communism as an international conspiracy and resent references to the Soviet regime as "Russian." They bear Communism with fortitude, being held in check partly by the terrorism of the MVD and partly by the discouragement and confusion produced by apparently coordinated propaganda from the Kremlin and the West which gives the impression that the West hates Russia but, whether from fear or inclination, does not oppose the Soviet. Mr. Krasnov, who died at the age of 41, three years after he was released, did not live to comment on the effect of the photographs, recently distributed throughout Russia, which show the Butcher and Eisenhower grinning at one another in a spirit of cordial cooperation. Even more effective, of course, will be the current news that the Americans, in preparation for the Communist occupation of South Korea, have forced Dr. Syngman Rhee out of office, thus proving once again that the United States government will always stab in the back anyone who seriously resists the Communist conspiracy.

Since the procedures of the MVD (=NKVD) are evidently standardized, the almost incredible torture and brutality inflicted on Mr. Krasnov conformed in general to the patterns described in John Noble's *I Was a Slave in Russia* (Devin-Adair, \$3.75), Elinor Lipper's *Eleven Years in Soviet Prison Camps* (Regnery, \$3.50), and Joseph Scholmer's *Vorkuta* (Holt, \$3.75). Even more

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appalling than the ingenious cruelty is the fact that it cannot conceivably have served a rational purpose; in these nightmarish books we seem to witness, not the excesses of men, however passionate or ruthless, but the blind malignancy of unhuman things — zombies, energumens, ghouls — come to replace mankind. You will read Mr. Krasnov's story with horror blunted only by the callosity that our minds acquire from the incredible accumulation of horrors

in the modern world. But you will do well to remember that this book will also be read by many nominal Americans, pompous little men who are now preaching "peace" and "brotherhood," and swelling with indignation over the congressional investigating committees' "violation of basic civil liberties" — sleek little men who will read it with little shivers of delight as they imagine the fun they are going to have when they put on their MVD uniforms.

Brief Mention

The Invisible Presidency. By Louis W. Koenig. Rinehart, New York. \$6.75. Call them what you will, confidants, unofficial Presidents or second consuls; they have been closer to the real history of the presidency, oftentimes, than the office holders themselves. Hamilton, Van Buren, William Loeb, Jr., Colonel House, Thomas Corcoran, Harry Hopkins and Sherman Adams were, and usually by their own making, indispensable to the presidents they served or controlled.

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The New Psychiatry. By Dr. Nathan Masor. Philosophical Library, New York. \$3.75.

In the author's opinion psychoanalysis has not progressed much beyond quackery but Dr. Masor's severest criticism is levelled against the psychiatrist with his jargon, tranquilizers and shock treatment. Dr. Masor believes that medication is, by far, more scientific and efficient than is psychic treatment in many cases of mental disease.

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Let's Try Barter. By Charles Morrow Wilson. Devin-Adair, New York. \$3.95.

This humorous, profound, and informative lesson in the basic economics of trade serves as a devastating indictment of inflation and of confiscatory taxation.

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A Proper Monetary And Banking System For The United States. Edited by James Washington Bell and Walter Earl Spahr. Ronald Press, New York. \$6.00.

Nine common-sense economists have contributed to this symposium, which has recommendations for fiscal sanity that, if adopted by the Federal Government, would probably restore our national monetary policy to its pre-New Deal position.

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The Constitution Of Liberty. By Friedrich A. Hayek. University of Chicago. \$7.50.

This is for all students of political, constitutional, social and economic thought, who are bored with authors who confound liberty with license. Dr. Hayek equates liberty with freedom and emphasizes the integrity of man within society.

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This is a magazine of opinion. But opinion should be based on facts. Here are the facts for

MARCH, 1960

Tuesday, March 1

- President Eisenhower says that the United States "repudiates dictatorships in any form."
- For the second time within a month, Soviet Premier Khrushchev visits India for talks with Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru.
- Ralph McGill, editor of the *Atlanta Constitution*, praises a Soviet plan to open a Moscow university for students from Asia, Africa and Latin America; and, in the same column, McGill denounces United States Senators because they filibuster to preserve states' rights.

Wednesday, March 2

- Dr. B. T. Shaw of the United States Agricultural Department, the man who instigated the cranberry crisis last November, now believes that the weed killer, in question at that time, is not dangerous.
- An American-British-French unified force armed with nuclear weapons will be created within the framework of NATO, says General Lauris Norstad, Supreme Allied Commander of NATO in Europe.
- H. J. Anslinger, United States Commissioner of Narcotics, says that there is probably more cocaine traffic in Castro's Cuba than in the rest of the world.

Thursday, March 3

- Representative Donald J. Jackson of California, a member of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, says that the material in the withdrawn Air Force Manual, concerning Communist infiltration of churches, "is absolutely correct."
- In Kabul, Afghanistan Soviet Premier Khrushchev threatens Pakistan, which is currently in a dispute with Afghanistan over tribesmen living in Pakistan.

- Pope John XXIII designates for the Sacred College of Cardinals two Italians, a Japanese, an African Negro, a Filipino, a Frenchman, and a Dutchman. Their elevation will make a total of eighty-five in the College, the largest number in history.

Friday, March 4

- *Tass* announces that Soviet Premier Khrushchev and Liberian President William V. S. Tubman have agreed to exchange visits.
- A French freighter, *La Coubre*, carrying arms and munitions to Cuba from Belgium, explodes in Havana harbor, with at least fifty-four persons killed and more than two hundred wounded.
- The French Government begins sending eastern European refugees to

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Corsica and other islands in an effort to protect Soviet Premier Khrushchev from possible violence on his coming visit to France.

Saturday, March 5

→ President Sékou Touré of Guinea extends diplomatic recognition to Communist East Germany.

→ French President de Gaulle predicts that Algerian voters will eventually choose "an Algerian Algeria tied to France."

→ Fidel Castro and other Cuban Communists accuse the United States of causing last night's explosion of the French freighter, *La Coubre*, which was carrying arms and munitions to Cuba from Belgium.

Sunday, March 6

→ Secretary of the Treasury Robert B. Anderson rejects the wisdom of balancing the federal budget year-by-year, and says that average balanced budgets over a period of years is sufficient.

→ The United States Senate has a respite in the midst of a civil rights filibuster which began last Monday noon.

→ President Eisenhower prolongs his stay in Puerto Rico where he arrived Thursday for rest and golf after his ten-day South American junket.

Monday, March 7

→ The West German Government considers Guinea's diplomatic recognition of East Germany to be a "very unfriendly act."

→ New Hampshire's Governor Wesley Powell charges that Senator John F. Kennedy is "soft on Communism," a charge repudiated by Vice President Nixon, and repeated by Governor Powell.

→ In London a former Royal Air Force flying officer, Arthur M. Wraight, at a pre-trial hearing, is accused of giving Soviet Union officials information on American and British military operations.

Tuesday, March 8

→ After four days of intensely bitter anti-American denunciations by Castro and other Cuban Communists, Secretary of State Herter says that the United States "finds itself increasingly obliged to question the good faith" of the Castro regime.

→ Belgium's Foreign Minister Pierre Eigny rejects French claims to the Belgian Congo after it becomes independent on June 30, 1960.

→ The de Gaulle government threatens to crush the Communist-led F.N.L. by force in Algeria because of the Communists' refusal to negotiate for a cease-fire in the five-year rebellion.

Wednesday, March 9

→ President Eisenhower gives in to Soviet pressure and rules out all high-altitude flights from the West into Berlin for the time being.

→ One of Sukarno's own air force MIG-17 fighters strafes the Indonesian President's palace.

→ Standard Oil Company of New Jersey and United States Rubber Company

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announce that they have no present intention of suspending their Cuban operations.

Thursday, March 10

→ The New York State Commission Against Discrimination *orders* Capital Airlines to employ Patricia Banks, a Negro, as a stewardess.

→ Castro's government moves to take over more than one hundred million dollars in industrial properties controlled by American interests, including Moa Bay Mining Company.

→ Senator Jacob Javits introduces a bill to create a federal travel agency which will "sell" America to foreign tourists. He proposes a budget of about ten million dollars for the agency next year.

Friday, March 11

→ Pioneer V, an artificial planetoid weighing 94.8 pounds, was launched by a Thor-Able rocket from Cape Canaveral for a trip around the Sun between the planetary paths of Earth and Venus.

→ Castro's government seizes three American-owned sugar mills worth an estimated ten million dollars. The mills are owned by the Guantanamo Sugar Company of New York.

→ In Massachusetts, Bernard Goldfine is indicted by a Federal Grand Jury for evasion of \$791,745 in income taxes.

Saturday, March 12

→ At Alamogordo, New Mexico, the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization notifies Air Force officials that pieces of a "form of metal unknown anywhere in the world" are actual

physical evidence that flying saucers are extra-terrestrial in origin.

→ *Continente*, an Italian news agency, reports that Czechoslovakia has offered to sell Cuba several hundred Soviet-designed MIG-17 jet fighters.

→ It is announced that ten thousand Frenchmen will guard Soviet Premier Khrushchev when he visits Paris next week.

Sunday, March 13

→ Frederick H. Boland, Ireland's permanent delegate to the United Nations, describes the duty of the United Nations "to be the watch-dog of the moral conscience of mankind."

→ Reportedly ill with the grippe, Soviet Premier Khrushchev postpones his scheduled state visit to France for another week to ten days.

→ It is reported that violent fighting for political supremacy between members of the Conakat and Balubakat-Fedeka parties is taking place in the Belgian Congo, which is preparing for its independence on June 30, 1960.

Monday, March 14

→ Senator Barry Goldwater of Arizona charges that the Eisenhower administration's foreign policy is leading to a surrender to Communism.

→ Photographs of the moon, allegedly made by the Soviet rocket, Lunik III, are described as hoaxes by William J. Young of the Boston Museum of Fine Arts and Lloyd Mallan, space photography specialist.

→ Castro urges Cubans to work with their rifles beside them so as to be ready

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for defense against American enemies; and Jose Pardo Llada, a Cuban radio commentator, accuses the United States of blowing up its own battleship, *Maine*, in 1898.

Tuesday, March 15

→ Republican congressional leaders announce that President Eisenhower plans to ask Congress for legislation which would approximately double the 154,000 immigrants allowed to enter the country annually; and that Eisenhower also wants discretionary powers to raise or lower sugar import quotas.

→ West German Chancellor Adenauer urges President Eisenhower to resist any and all concessions on Berlin at the proposed summit conference in May.

→ At the opening session of a ten-nation disarmament conference in Geneva, the United States proposes an international police force within the United Nations to preserve world peace after national arms and armies are reduced. Besides the United States, other participants are France, Italy, Canada, Britain, Poland, Romania, Czechoslovakia, Bulgaria and the Soviet Union.

Wednesday, March 16

→ West German Chancellor Adenauer suggests that a plebiscite in West Berlin on the *status quo*, held before the proposed summit meeting, would be the best answer to Khrushchev's demand that Allied occupation of West Berlin should end immediately.

→ American Ambassador to the United Nations, Henry Cabot Lodge, receives the Sylvanus Thayer Award at the United States Military Academy, as an

American citizen who exemplifies the West Point motto, "Duty, Honor, Country."

→ As he endorses the presidential candidacy of Vice President Nixon, President Eisenhower says, "There has never been, between Mr. Nixon and myself . . . a specific difference . . . on any important problem in seven years."

Thursday, March 17

→ The legislature of the Southern Cameroons, a United Nations trusteeship, votes to request Great Britain to establish a military force to police the border with the new Cameroon Republic which is being terrorized by Communist insurgents.

→ In the tenth major air tragedy of 1960, a Northwest Airlines Electra explodes in midair near Tell City, Indiana, killing all sixty-three aboard.

→ Sentences ranging from five years to life are decreed for fourteen Chinese Catholics by Chinese Communists on charges of counter-revolutionary plotting. Bishop Ignatius Kung Pin-mei is sentenced to life imprisonment for treason.

Friday, March 18

→ Chinese Communists sentence Roman Catholic Bishop, James Edward Walsh, to twenty years imprisonment on charges that the Maryknoll missionary was an American imperialist spy.

→ The State Department announces that American Ambassador Bonsal will return to his Cuban post since Castro's government assures the State Department that no conspiracy charges are held against Bonsal.

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→ In the face of contrary evidence, the National Council of Churches denies categorically that its organization has ever been infiltrated by a Communist Party member or sympathizer among its high-level officials.

Saturday, March 19

→ It is reported that a letter sent from Khrushchev to Eisenhower on March 8 hints that the Soviets may be forced to give nuclear weapons to Red China, if the United States supplies such arms to its NATO allies.

→ The Communist-controlled governments of Bolivia and Cuba report the suppression of counter-revolutionary uprisings.

→ A Communist-sponsored demonstration against the revised Japanese-American security treaty attracts about twenty thousand participants in Tokyo.

Sunday, March 20

→ Richard Cardinal Cushing of Boston says that "the Vatican has no interest in our politics. In my contacts with two Popes, the only thing I was ever questioned about was spiritual conditions — the sanctity of priests and people."

→ After a two-month absence spent in Washington for consultative purposes, American Ambassador Bonsal returns to Cuba, and, at the same time, Major Ernesto Guevara, president of Cuba's National Bank, predicts economic warfare with the United States.

→ Secretary of State Herter says, "I don't think anyone could say affirmatively that Cuba is Communist at the present time."

Monday, March 21

→ Frank Sinatra hires Communist Albert Maltz to write the script for the screen play of William Bradford Huie's book, *The Life of Private Slovik*.

→ Negro demonstrations against South Africa's apartheid policy (racial segregation) result in at least fifty Negro deaths as tens of thousands of Negroes terrorize two widely separated towns, Langa and Sharpeville.

→ Chiang Kai-shek is re-elected to a third six-year term of the Republic of China.

Tuesday, March 22

→ It is announced that Kaiser Steel Corporation had a net loss of \$7,401,000 for its operations in 1959.

→ Secretary of State Herter concedes that the proposed summit meeting is a gamble and he is not optimistic about results, but he thinks there are "surface indications" that Russia wants a meaningful disarmament agreement.

→ It is reported that thirty-five French and Russian bodyguards have been ordered to throw themselves on top of Soviet Premier Khrushchev, if they hear gunshots during his tour of France which begins tomorrow.

Wednesday, March 23

→ South Africa's Prime Minister of External Affairs, Eric H. Louw, expresses great concern at the United States Government's criticism of the South African Government's methods of suppressing Negro rioters.

→ Senator Hubert H. Humphrey is one of the few Americans who is en-

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thusiastic over a new and meaningless Soviet test ban formula.

→ James C. Hagerty, press secretary at the White House, says it is nonsense to say that Eisenhower has neither advance plans nor purpose for the proposed summit conference, but Hagerty does not elaborate.

Thursday, March 24

→ Former Postmaster General James A. Farley says that his recent tour of the Far East convinced him "that a vast new Pacific community of *free* nations is rising in strength."

→ Missouri's Senator Stuart Symington joins colleagues Kennedy of Massachusetts and Humphrey of Minnesota as an active candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination.

→ Valerian A. Zorin, chief Soviet delegate to the ten-nation East-West disarmament conference at Geneva, says that the Soviet Union would not permit aerial inspection of all its territory until the world was completely disarmed.

Friday, March 25

→ The House Appropriations Committee reports that Communist opposition and Supreme Court delays have hampered the work of the Subversive Activities Control Board.

→ In Tokyo, American Ralph J. Bunche, Under Secretary of the United Nations, tells an assembly of the International Press Institute that racial discrimination is the most important social problem of the United States.

→ On the third day of his state visit to France, Soviet Premier Khrushchev

is the subject of extremely enthusiastic acclaim by French Communists.

→ Representative Elmer J. Holland of Pennsylvania describes President Eisenhower as "our No. 1 recipient of 'socialized medicine.'

Saturday, March 26

→ British Prime Minister Macmillan arrives in the United States for a Camp David session in which he and President Eisenhower are expected to arrive at a "joint decision" as to their next proposal in nuclear test negotiations with the Soviet Union.

→ President Giovanni Gronchi administers the oath of office to Italy's new Premier, Fernando Tambroni, who heads the twenty-first government since Mussolini's reign ended in 1943.

→ French Premier Michel Debré and President Philibert Tsiranana of the Malagasy Republic (Madagascar) conclude negotiations by which Malagasy's independence is recognized, but as a continuing member of the French community.

Sunday, March 27

→ Paul M. Butler, Democratic national chairman, urges "loyal" Southern Democrats to form separate national convention delegations to oppose delegations which threaten to bolt the party in some of the Southern States.

→ Amid the flutter of red flags, Soviet Premier Khrushchev makes a triumphal tour of Communist-infested southern France.

→ Tennessee's Governor Buford Ellington orders an investigation, as he

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suspects that a Nashville sit-in demonstration was conducted by Negro "students" for the sole benefit of CBS television audiences.

Monday, March 28

→ Truman administration officials T. Lamar Caudle and Matthew J. Connelly, who were sentenced in 1956 in a tax-filing case, are denied a review of their convictions by the United States Supreme Court.

→ Air Force representatives of Thailand, South Korea, the Republic of China, the Philippines and the United States begin a twelve-day joint training exercise at the United States Air Force's Clark Air Base near Manila.

→ Pope John XXIII creates three cardinals *in petto* (in the Pope's breast) which raises the membership in the Sacred College of Cardinals to eighty-eight, the highest in history. It is believed that the secretly created cardinals are in Communist countries.

Tuesday, March 29

→ In a four-hour harangue on television, Premier Castro complains that Cuban anti-Communists "weaken faith" in his revolutionary regime.

→ *Pravda* affirms that the Communist world supports Castro's Cuba and the Negroes of South Africa.

→ The Camp David pre-summit and disarmament sessions of Eisenhower and Macmillan are augmented by the arrival of Vice President Nixon; Secretary of State Herter; Dr. George B. Kistiakowsky, the President's science adviser; Atomic Energy Commissioner McCone; Philip J. Farley, Herter's

special assistant for disarmament and atomic energy; Defense Secretary Douglas; and Sir William Penney, nuclear adviser to Macmillan.

→ In an hour-long telecast, the American Broadcasting Company's John Secondari presents a distorted and unfriendly portrait of South Korea.

Wednesday, March 30

→ Senator Styles Bridges of New Hampshire advises the insurance industry and the medical profession to move fast, if they wish to prevent the Federal government from controlling all medical care.

→ President Eisenhower says that the Soviets are *sincere* in their disarmament and nuclear weapon-testing moratorium proposals.

→ According to a White House announcement, Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare Flemming's November cranberry crisis will cost the taxpayers ten million dollars in a relief program for the cranberry industry.

Thursday, March 31

→ At the unveiling of a statue of American General James A. Van Fleet at the Korean Military Academy, President Syngman Rhee pays tribute to General Van Fleet for his great contributions to the development of the Korean Army.

→ In Geneva at a three-nation conference on nuclear testing, American Delegate James Wadsworth and British Delegate Sir Michael Wright offer Soviet Delegate Semyon Tsarapkin a formal treaty for banning large-scale nuclear tests in return for a short-term moratorium on small explosions. This

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proposal is a result of the Eisenhower-Macmillan session at Camp David earlier this week.

→ The United States Census Bureau begins its most comprehensive and most inquisitive decennial census-taking.

APRIL, 1960

Friday, April 1

→ It is reported that former American Ambassador to the Soviet Union Charles E. Bohlen will go to Moscow after the proposed summit meeting in May "to observe changes there since he left Moscow in 1957." Bohlen is presently adviser on Soviet affairs to Secretary of State Herter.

→ Communist Poland agrees to sell Communist Cuba airplanes, helicopters and heavy machinery in exchange for sugar, coffee, tobacco and fruit.

→ The United States launches *Tiros I*, a 270-pound satellite, into orbit around the earth to photograph world weather conditions from space. Early results indicate a successful mission.

Saturday, April 2

→ Walter Reuther, president of the United Automobile Workers Union, says that if he was a college student he would be on a picket line to support Negro sit-in demonstrations.

→ Soviet Premier Khrushchev and French President de Gaulle sign agreements for cooperation in the peaceful use of atomic energy and in the scientific field.

→ Senator Stuart Symington urges recognition of Red China because it is dangerous to turn "our back on these people who want to stick a knife in our back."

Sunday, April 3

→ David Susskind's television program, "Open End," is used by five Russian diplomats as an anti-American propaganda forum.

→ Soviet Premier Khrushchev arrives in Moscow after his state visit to France and says that he is "greatly satisfied" with the results of his trip.

→ General Douglas MacArthur is discharged from Lenox Hill Hospital in New York, where he underwent successful surgery on March 19.

Monday, April 4

→ The Burmese parliament elects U Nu as premier.

→ In an agreement with France, the Mali Federation (Senegal and the Sudanese Republic) gains its independence within the French community, effective immediately upon ratification.

→ The *London Daily Mail* reports that Mrs. Joan Chase Hinton, American scientist, and Bruno Pontecorvo, British-Italian atomic scientist, are building an atomic bomb for the Red Chinese Government.

→ In Havana, Cuba a Communist convention is attended by four thousand delegates from Bolivia, Canada, Chile, Costa Rica, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, France, Red China, Romania, the Soviet Union, Spain, the United States, Venezuela, and East Germany.

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Tuesday, April 5

→ It is announced in Moscow that President Eisenhower will probably visit the cities of Leningrad, Kiev, Irkutsk, and Khabarovsk after he leaves Moscow on his June visit to the Soviet Union.

→ Senator John Marshall Butler of Maryland urges a "much firmer stand" against Cuba by the United States.

Wednesday, April 6

→ Castro begins seizure of almost all of United Fruit Company's 272,000 acres of Cuban land, valued by the company at thirty-two million dollars, but only at six million dollars by Cuba's Agrarian Reform Institute.

→ The West German Government delivers a strong protest against Khrushchev's "campaign of slander" against West Germany, during the Soviet Premier's recent state visit to France.

→ Columbian President Lleras, on a state visit to the United States, asks the American Congress to give economic aid to Latin America *before* economic backwardness causes a switch to dictatorships or Communism.

Thursday, April 7

→ Senator John F. Kennedy, besides saying that seventeen million Americans go to bed hungry every night, expresses similar gloom in regard to housing, earnings, and unemployment.

→ The United States Information Agency plans to spend \$207,956 on its Cuban activities in the year starting July 1. The Agency's Cuban program includes cultural centers, exchange of persons, libraries, mobile film units, television programs and printed matter.

→ French President de Gaulle, on a state visit, tells the British Parliament that France is willing to stop testing nuclear weapons if all other nations agree on nuclear disarmament.

Friday, April 8

→ Secretary of State Herter indicates that he is not sure whether or not there has been a split between Red China and the Soviet Union.

→ Along sectional lines, the United States Senate passes a Civil Rights bill, voted against by eighteen Southern Senators. Receiving credit for its passage are Senators Dirksen and Lyndon B. Johnson, and Attorney General Rogers.

→ Franklin D. Roosevelt, Jr. begins campaigning on behalf of Senator John F. Kennedy.

Saturday, April 9

→ Carlos P. Garcia, President of the Philippines, wants American atomic weapons stored in his country in the event of an attack, which he implies could come from Red China.

→ South Africa's Prime Minister Hendrik F. Verwoerd is shot and wounded by a white man. Verwoerd is a staunch advocate of apartheid which has caused widespread violence by Negroes during the past three weeks.

→ Frank Sinatra fires Communist Albert Maltz whose hiring by Sinatra had brought protests from patriotic and religious groups and individuals. They were not convinced, as Sinatra claims he was, that Maltz had "an affirmative, pro-American approach" to a story which deals with the only American executed as a deserter in World War II.

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Sunday, April 10

→ *Izvestia* reports that about three hundred Soviet "tourists" will sail this week from Vladivostok, aboard the diesel ship *Mihail Kalinin*, with scheduled stops at Tokyo, Shanghai, Indonesia, Istanbul, and Athens.

→ *Prace*, a labor union paper in Communist Czechoslovakia, alleges that Czech police have broken up groups of young Roman Catholics, who were trained by Vatican agents in secret theological colleges to conspire against the state.

→ Air Force leaders from the Philippines, Thailand, South Korea, South Viet Nam, the Republic of China and the United States met in conference at Taipei, Taiwan.

Monday, April 11

→ The United States State Department accuses Red China of interfering in Japan's internal affairs because Red China's Premier Chou En-lai criticizes the recently signed, but not yet ratified, American-Japanese security treaty.

→ Only seventeen days old, Italian Premier Fernando Tambroni's government falls.

→ Pakistan agrees to purchase \$98,100,000 of American products including wheat, cotton, and tobacco.

Tuesday, April 12

→ Brigadier General Austin W. Betts, director of the Advanced Research Projects Agency, claims that the American Atlas ICBM "is significantly more accurate than its Soviet competitor."

→ The White House announces that, during his June travels, Eisenhower will visit South Korea for one day to confer with President Syngman Rhee, whose associates in government claimed last night that there is a plot to overthrow the Rhee regime.

→ French Premier Michel Debré says that Algeria will be partitioned, if the majority of Algerians vote for independence. Algerians, who wish to remain free French citizens, could then do so without leaving Algeria.

Wednesday, April 13

→ A *New York Times* despatch says that the United States plans to equip its Western European allies with specially designed Polaris missiles, which will be launched from mobile platforms on land or rivers.

→ Representative John E. Moss wonders why all of seventy-six Federal departments, boards, commissions, committees and agencies are currently empowered to stamp their documents secret, top secret, or confidential, *for defense reasons*.

→ Britain decides to abandon most of its \$1,400,000,000 program of nuclear rocket systems because of the expense, but intends to buy American missiles in the future.

Thursday, April 14

→ The United States Navy launches a Polaris missile from an ocean depth of two hundred feet near San Clemente Island, California.

→ Madame Chiang Kai-shek unveils a life-size bust of the late American Lieutenant General Claire L. Chen-

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nault in Taipei, a most unusual honor for a foreigner in China.

→ The *Ghana News Agency* reports that last week Ghana's Prime Minister Kwame Nkrumah and Kenya's nationalist leader Tom Mboya discussed an all-African Trade Union Federation.

Friday, April 15

→ It is announced that South Africa's Prime Minister Hendrik F. Verwoerd has recovered sufficiently, from the wounds inflicted by a would-be assassin last Saturday, to take up some of his duties again.

→ The Communist-led F.L.N. forces in Algeria receive offers of help from four thousand Syrian "volunteers."

→ Red China's Premier Chou En-lai visits Burma to urge more unity amongst the Asian nations.

Saturday, April 16

→ *Radio Moscow* says that the Easter holiday strengthens "the wildest and most stupid prejudices" in the human mind.

→ Red China's Premier Chou En-lai claims that his government will build atomic submarines within five years.

→ Senator Allen J. Ellender of Louisiana says that the United States cannot cut off purchases of sugar from Cuba because "the truth of the matter is that we need the Cuban crop."

Sunday, April 17

→ Senator John F. Kennedy scores the Air Force Manual which charged that the National Council of Churches was infiltrated by Communists.

→ Elijah William "Bill" Cunningham, journalist, radio commentator and patriot, dies at the age of sixty-four.

→ It is reported that Cuba's Communist Prime Minister Castro wants his own summit meeting with President Eisenhower and Secretary of State Herter.

Monday, April 18

→ French President de Gaulle arrives in Canada, en route to the United States, where he and President Eisenhower will hold discussions concerning the proposed summit conference of next month.

→ A crowd of about seventy-five thousand demonstrators in Trafalgar Square in London climax a four-day march to protest against nuclear weapons.

→ Former President Truman thinks the sit-down demonstrations at lunch counters in the South are Communist-engineered just as the sit-down strikes were in the automobile factories in 1937.

Tuesday, April 19

→ A Reuters despatch says that five thousand refugees fled to West Berlin from East Berlin during the Easter holidays.

→ Republic of Korea officials declare martial law in Seoul as mob demonstrations against the Syngman Rhee government threaten to get completely out of hand, especially as Communist radio broadcasts from North Korea pledge full Communist support to the rioters, and also since American Secretary of State Herter is vehement in his denunciation of the Rhee regime.

→ Senator Clifford P. Case defeats Robert Morris for the Republican nom-

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ination in New Jersey's primary election.

Wednesday, April 20

→ Red China's Premier Chou En-lai and India's Prime Minister Nehru begin a scheduled six-day series of talks, purportedly in an effort to settle a border dispute between their two countries.

→ In Korea, President Syngman Rhee's cabinet resigns, due in great part to external pressures from the United States, Red China, and Communist North Korea.

→ Secretary of State Herter tells the Council of the Organization of American States that Communists never would be allowed to take over any Latin American nation by force, threat or subversion.

Thursday, April 21

→ Colonel Laurence E. Bunker, former aide to General Douglas MacArthur, says that Secretary of State Herter should be asked to resign for reprimanding the Korean Government of Syngman Rhee.

→ South Korea's National Assembly meets in extraordinary session to deal with the crisis, which has shattered the Rhee regime, but the session is marked by violence amongst the members.

→ Secretary of State Herter says that the prime objective of Western nations at the proposed summit meeting will be to discover if the Soviets sincerely wish to ease tensions.

Friday, April 22

→ French President de Gaulle arrives

in the United States for his first state visit.

→ The American "Lutheran" Church (TALC) is created as a result of the merger of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, the American Lutheran Church, and the United Evangelical Lutheran Church.

→ A hung jury ends the income tax evasion trial of New York's Representative Adam Clayton Powell, Jr.

Saturday, April 23

→ The Japanese Government sends a stern rebuke to the Soviet Government which has sent a third note protesting against the recently negotiated American-Japanese security treaty.

→ Harold Stassen is repeating his stop-Nixon program of 1956, according to the *Philadelphia Inquirer*.

→ Fidel Castro accuses the United States of sponsoring a fifth column in Cuba.

Sunday, April 24

→ South Korean President Syngman Rhee announces that he will retire from party politics but continue on in the presidency.

→ President Eisenhower and French President de Gaulle emerge from Camp David in agreement as to "how we should proceed at the summit meeting."

→ Korea's Vice President-elect Lee Ki-Poong continues to withhold his once stated offer to retire from public life. His election has been used as an excuse for the demonstrations against the Rhee Government.

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Monday, April 25

→ French President de Gaulle, in an address to the American Congress, insists that destruction of nuclear weapons by common consent under international supervision is the only hope for the future of man.

→ Soviet Premier Khrushchev threatens that, if he signs a separate peace treaty with East Germany, the Western powers will lose all rights to fly into Berlin.

→ India's Prime Minister Nehru and Red China's Premier Chou En-lai end six days of talks on "border disputes" and issue a joint communiqué stating that they decided nothing.

Tuesday, April 26

→ Syngman Rhee offers to resign the Korean presidency but warns his people to beware of the Communists in North Korea. Dr. Rhee's resignation is accepted by the Korean Parliament, and Dr. Huh Chung becomes acting president.

→ Communist demonstration break out all over Japan in protest against the recently negotiated American-Japanese security treaty.

→ In New York City French President de Gaulle defends his self determination policy for Algeria.

Wednesday, April 27

→ President Eisenhower denies that the United States incited the demonstrations against Syngman Rhee's government in South Korea.

→ The United Nations trusteeship of the territory of Togoland ends as the Republic of Togo gains its independ-

ence under French financial and military protection.

→ In a suicide pact, Speaker of the Korean House and Vice President-elect Lee Ki-Poong, his wife, and two sons die in Seoul within the presidential compound.

Thursday, April 28

→ The Turkish Government proclaims martial law as "students" riot against the government of Premier Adnan Menderes.

→ Secretary of State Hertel is in Tehran, Iran for a meeting of CENTO, a defensive alliance of Britain, Turkey, Iran and Pakistan, which is supported by the United States.

→ Dr. Werner von Braun, space scientist, states his belief that life exists in the universe outside the earth.

Friday, April 29

→ Walter P. Reuther, president of the United Automobile Workers Union, wants a Consumer Department of cabinet-rank in the Federal government to represent consumer interests in critical labor-management disputes.

→ Turkish troops rout rioters in Istanbul and Ankara at the direction of Premier Adnan Menderes.

Saturday, April 30

→ The Second Afro-Asia Economic Conference is held in Cairo, with delegates from forty-five nations in attendance, including representatives from eight Soviet republics.

→ West Berlin officials report that 15,502 East Germans sought refuge in West Berlin this month.

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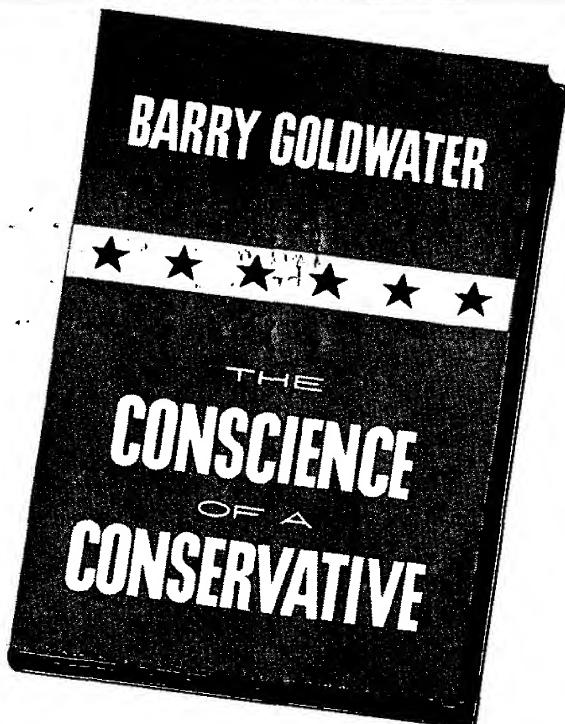
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Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

Your letter dated June 29, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

Although I would like to be of service, it is not within the scope of this Bureau's authority to make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual since we are strictly a fact-gathering agency. For this reason I am unable to answer your inquiry, and I hope you will not infer in this connection either that we do or do not have the related data in our files. Enclosed is some material concerning the general subject of communism which may be of interest to you.

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Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion
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John Birch Society NOTE: Bufiles not searched due to common name of correspondent.
The group, headed by Robert Welch wealthy candy manufacturer of Belmont, Massachusetts, is subject of Paragraph F of SAC Letter 59-13. In January, 1959, Welch met with a group of leading industrialists in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, lecturing on communism and presented his plan to establish ostensibly communist front groups which, in reality, would be anti-communist groups. Above SAC Letter alerted the field to these plans and instructed the field to promptly advise the Bureau of any information concerning Welch's activities in this regard. He wrote a book entitled "The Politician" which came to the Bureau's attention in March, 1959. Only a limited number of copies printed which he has distributed to friends and certain individuals who he believes would be interested in its contents. This book attacks the reputation of the President of the United States, particularly Chapter 9 which is a violent attack upon President Eisenhower. Information regarding this book forwarded to Special Assistant to the President Gordon Gray by Bulet 3-6-59. (62-104401)

[redacted]
Charlottesville, Virginia
29 June 1960

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

Recently I was invited to join a group of citizens who are members in what is called The John Birch Society.

Being a loyal American citizen and a Reserve Army officer I am keenly aware of the many Communist front organizations in existence today, and have withheld becoming a member of any organization whose background and history I do not know.

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I have checked Department of Defense Form 98, and do not find the Society listed thereon, but as this form is dated 1 September 1956, and The John Birch Society claims to have been formed in December 1958, it is of course not listed.

Realizing that you are not in a position to recommend one group or another, I would appreciate your comments on The John Birch Society.

Your early reply will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

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1 - Mr. Simpson

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UNIVERSITY AIDS
2991 Stadium Drive
Columbus, Ohio

Dear [REDACTED]

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I have received your letter dated June 28, 1960, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiry, I must advise that the FBI is strictly a fact-gathering agency and, as such, its jurisdiction and responsibilities do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. I am precluded, therefore, from furnishing the information you desire.

I am sure you will understand the necessity for this policy and will not infer that we do or do not have in our files the information you desire.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Enclosed is a copy of correspondent's communication. Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning the correspondent.

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NOTE TO CINCINNATI. CONTINUED

Welch and the John Birch Society have not been the subjects of an investigation by the Bureau. Welch and his organization have been very critical of President Eisenhower and his administration. Information concerning this individual and his organization is contained in SAC Letter 60-5. (62-104401)

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent stated that he and several friends were invited to join the John Birch Society and prompted by emotion rather than sound judgment they "rashly joined." Several questions have now arisen in their minds as to the integrity of the organization and he, therefore, requests the Bureau furnish him information concerning this group.

June 28, 1960

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Recently several friends of mine and I were invited to attend a meeting of an organization which purportedly is dedicated to anti-communist activities. The name of the organization is the John Birch Society, headed by Mr. Robert Welch.

Prompted by emotion rather than sound judgment and finding the obvious stated principles of the organization quite sound and in keeping with our moral sentiments, we rashly joined. However, in retrospect, several questions have arisen in our minds as to the integrity of this organization knowing full well that many communist organizations use patriotic principles to serve as fronts for their various nefarious activities. It is with this in mind that I request information concerning this organization.

Thanking you in advance for any enlightenment on this subject,
I remain

Sincerely yours,

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Honorable Cecil R. King
House of Representatives
Washington 25, D. C.

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My dear Congressman:

I have received your letter dated June 24, 1960, enclosing a letter to you from Mrs. [REDACTED] Los Angeles, California.

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Your interest and courtesy in furnishing this material to me are indeed appreciated, and if I can be of assistance at any time in matters of mutual interest, please do not hesitate to communicate with me.

I have taken the liberty of preparing a copy of Mrs. [REDACTED] letter, and in accordance with your request, I am returning the original to you.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosed for your information are a copy of Congressman Cecil R. King's letter to the Director and a Photostat of the letter to the Congressman from (NOTE TO SACs CONTINUED ON PAGE TWO)

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Honorable Cecil R. King

ATTENTION: SACS, LOS ANGELES AND BOSTON (CONTINUED)

Mrs. [redacted] Bureau files contain no identifiable data concerning Mrs. [redacted] described by Mrs. [redacted] as the local representative of the John Birch Society.

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Robert Welch and the John Birch Society have not been the subjects of investigation by the Bureau. Information concerning this individual and organization is contained in SAC Letter 60-5.

The Bureau has had numerous cordial contacts with Congressman King.

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Congressman Cecil R. King, 17th District of California, furnished the Bureau, by letter dated June 24, 1960, a lengthy letter received by him from a constituent. He submitted this letter for the Director's attention and did not request action of any kind. Correspondent's letter concerns the John Birch Society, and expresses the belief that this organization should be investigated because of its "authoritarian internal structure" which she compares with the Nazi Party of Germany. Correspondent furnished her observations concerning the John Birch Society in the belief that they might be of interest to the Congressman.

O The John Birch Society was founded by Robert H. W. Welch, Jr., of Belmont, Massachusetts, in December, 1958, at Indianapolis, Indiana. It is allegedly anticommunist having branches in various parts of the country. It has never been investigated by the Bureau. Welch has been critical of President Eisenhower and his administration. SAC Letter 60-5 calls this organization to the attention of the field and instructs that any information received concerning its activities should be promptly furnished to the Bureau.

[Redacted]
Los Angeles 45, California

May 20, 1960

Hon. Cecil R. King
House of Representatives
Washington 25, D. C.

My dear Mr. King:

Two days ago my husband and I were invited to a presentation by some republican and so-called "conservative" friends of ours. It left us quite worried and we believe it might be of interest to you and similar minded members of Congress to hear about this and perhaps cast a critical eye in the direction of a certain budding organization.

It was a presentation made by the "John Birch Society" which is headed by a Robert Welch, retired former President of the Welch Candy Company. It is in form of a motion picture in which Mr. Welch gives a 2 hour lecture on the aims and structure of his organization in an effort to win members.

The basic overt aims are very admirable indeed. The Society is supposedly engaged in a crusade for the fight against communism and the influence thereof within the United States. Mr. Welch claims the support of many fine known patriots and quotes from legitimate and worthy publications. His presentation is backed by a tremendous detailed knowledge on the subject of communism, by some irrefutable facts and statistics, and by the undeniable need of doing what he proposes to do, namely to combat communism and to educate the American Public as to its dangers.

However, neatly sandwiched inbetween facts and figures, Mr. Welch comes out with blatant half-truths and un-truths in an effort to prepare his audience for his final coup: to get them to sign up enthusiastically as members of his organization, as ambitious fighters against communism, as patriotic defenders of their country, and as providers of a secure future for their children. Nobody could possibly want to abstain from such noble ambitions!!!!

But, ----and here is where official investigation into his organization becomes greatly desirable: just what are these good people all signing up for?? An organization with an authoritarian internal structure (for the sake of expedience, they say), not unlike cells. It has a platform that recommends extreme isolationism, exclusion of all types of debate and seeks to eliminate such institutions as the United Nations, as well as all social advances, any efforts toward international understanding, and even suggests the

eventual abolition of the Republican Form of Government. Anything that disagrees with extreme rightest views is labled: aiding and abetting the red cause, etc. For example, Mr. Welch claims that practically everyone in authorotative position in the U. S. Government during the last 30 years has been participating in the "World-wide Communist Conspiracy". His slogan is: "Less Government, more responsibility, and a better World!"

Now I, a naturalized American Citizen, have lived under Nazi rule during my formative and young adult years. If anyone can smell the rat of fascist agitation, it is I. For years the principles of Naziism have been drummed into me, I have been forced to hear every speech of Hitler's and Goebtels'. I was forced into Nazi Youth organizations. And I have felt the results of such a loathsome type of Government in my life and on my body. I do not want my children to go through the same experiences.

Mr. Welch employs the same insidious tactics that made Goebtels famous. I am afraid he is luring many an innocent do-gooder into being a card carrying nucleus of a vicious organization. The Nazi Party at first claimed it was only trying to "combat communism and create a better life." I have heard the pleas of former Nazi Party members that all they wanted was to do good. I have known the characters of some of these and I would vouch that they are telling the truth. I also would vouch for some of Mr. Welch's new deciples that that was all they too want. When will enough of them be caught in the web that might become dangerous to the rest of us U. S. Citizens??

I also want to mention that both my husband and I are decidedly anti-communist. My husband is an ex-Military Intelligence officer now engaged in space research and I escaped with the Russians at my heels from now communist dominated areas in East Germany. I left there property and friends, I have seen Communism in action. This, I believe, will vouch for my feelings in the matter. Also, after the end of the war in the American Zone of Occupation I went on record and officially signed statements pointing out to U. S. Military Authorities places of communist agitation. If nothing else, this surely got me on the communists' black lists.

These lectures of the John Birch Society are held to small groups of under 50 people. They can be attended by invitation only, and those attending must be previously screened as being "conservatives". My husband and I, who make no bones about being democrats got in there by mistake through invitation by our republican "sparring partners"---who'll do anything to bring about stimulating discussions (that they got !!) --- The Society does not want the Press to be notified or receive any publicity. If that isn't undercover, I don't know what is!?

I am not sure, Mr. King, just HOW you will be able to see that lecture, unless it is via disguise or incognito, but it would be worth all kinds of trouble to try. That is, if you are not already familiar with it. There is a publication called "American Opinion" published by Mr. Welch, that I have studied briefly. It gives the appearance of being more above-board, albeit expressing extremely rightist views. It is mainly the structure and character of the John Birch Society that leaves one to wonder, as well as the fact that many of the things they are vehemently against have nothing to do with communism.

Below I will write the name and address of the local representative. I would rather not be quoted by name to this fellow, since I would not like to embarrass my friends. The meeting was held in the building of the Westchester Women's Club --- no connection with it. Neither have I. So much of this for all it might be worth to you.

Respectfully yours,



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The local representative of the John Birch Society gave this address to my friends:



CECIL R. KING
SEVENTEENTH DISTRICT
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WASHINGTON ADDRESS:
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ERWIN L. (BUD) PUMMER
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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
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June 24, 1960

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

The attached communication from my constituent, Mrs. [REDACTED] of [REDACTED]
[REDACTED], Los Angeles 45, California,
is submitted for your attention.

I would appreciate the return of the enclosure when it has served your purpose.

With all good wishes.

Very sincerely,

E. R. King
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104401)

DATE: 7/7/60

FROM : SAC, SAVANNAH (100-0)

SUBJECT: ROBERT H. W. WELCH, JR.;
"THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY"
INTERNAL SECURITY

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Re SAC Letter 60-5, dated 1/26/60.

On 7/7/60 Mrs. ELSA O. KESSEL, aka Mrs. W. E. KESSEL, residence 1207 E. Henry St., Savannah, Ga., an employee of the Southern States Phosphate and Fertilizer Co., Savannah, Ga., appeared in the Savannah Office with the following literature:

(1) Pamphlet entitled "The John Birch Society Inc., Belmont, Massachusetts", bulletin for 6/1/60.

(2) Pamphlet entitled "American Opinion", June, 1960, edition, headed "European Survey", a publication of ROBERT WELCH Inc., Belmont, Mass.

(3) Postcard entitled "Let's End Foreign Aid" with cartoon of President Eisenhower watering "native grass of foreign aid", which postcard is in the form of a petition to Congress to discontinue foreign aid, and which was printed by "American Opinion", Belmont, Mass.

Mrs. KESSEL advised that for some time she had been reading a publication entitled "Georgia Farmer", which is published by TOM ANDERSON, who lives somewhere in Tennessee. She stated that ANDERSON in one of his articles had recommended the John Birch Society and its publications, therefore she, about 3 months ago, paid a \$2.00 fee and since then has received 3 monthly editions of "American Opinion" as well as the pamphlets of the John Birch Society. She stated that these pamphlets have suggestions for recipients in regard to promoting the views of the society and in regard to enlargement of the activities and membership of the society. She stated that the cost for subscription is \$1.00 per month. She advised that she has exhibited the literature to various fellow employees and has tried to invoke their interest in it and in joining the society. She stated that some of her fellow

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employees had suggested that she consult with the FBI before proceeding further. She stated that she had also learned that there is a local chapter of the John Birch Society in Atlanta, Ga., which is active.

Mrs. KESSEL was advised that no comment would be made by the FBI concerning the organization in question. She voluntarily left copies of the 3 pamphlets listed above, which are being maintained in the Savannah files.

A check of the Savannah indices reflects that Mrs. ELSA KESSEL in 1941 was an applicant for a stenographer with the Bureau. At that time it was determined that she was born 8/17/94 of former German citizens who were naturalized. She was formerly a stenographer at the FHA in Savannah, Ga. There is nothing in the Savannah files of a derogatory nature regarding her.

This information is being furnished to you pursuant to instructions set out in referenced letter and a copy of this letter is being furnished to the Atlanta Division for information inasmuch as it has been alleged that an active chapter is in Atlanta.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104401)

DATE: 7/7/60

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-36671)

SUBJECT: ROBERT H. W. WELCH, JR.
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

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Re

Re SAC letter 60-5 dated 1/26/60 (C).

On June 29, 1960, [redacted] former Special Agent, [redacted] American Security Council, 205 West Monroe Street, Chicago, Illinois, furnished this office a copy of "The Blue Book" of the John Birch Society and of "The Politician," together with one photostat copy each of a four page pamphlet explaining the John Birch Society, and a report dated April 18, 1960, entitled "Santa Barbara Activities of the John Birch Society."

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At [redacted] request, "The Blue Book" and "The Politician" were returned to him. One copy each of the report of Santa Barbara activities are being furnished herewith as an enclosure to the Bureau and Los Angeles for information.

According to information available to [redacted] there apparently are three Chicago chapters of the John Birch Society, one of which has been meeting at Glenview, Illinois. The meetings at Glenview are held every other Monday night. Three such meetings have been held which have been attended by approximately 200 people. Mrs. [redacted] Street, Glenview, on expressing doubts about the society at one of the above meetings, was given a copy of "The Politician" and told that that book is given out only when a member of the society is "qualified." After reading the book and expressing her disgust with the material, Mrs. [redacted] was told by STILLWELL J. CONNORS, leader of the meeting, that if she quoted any part of the book at the meeting he would completely deny existence of the book and would discredit her. According to [redacted] after the next Glenview meeting, the chapter is to be broken up into anti-Communist "cells" composed of 10 to 20 people, and that the society aims at a million members nationally.

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John Birch Society

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Indices of the Chicago Office are negative concerning STILLWELL J. CONNORS and Mrs. [redacted]. The Bureau will be advised of any additional information received concerning activities of the John Birch Society.

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SUBJECT: Santa Barbara Activities of the John Birch Society and Presentation Film
by Robert Welch

1. The local attendance at the meeting was in the vicinity of 70 persons (35 husbands and wives).

The meeting was held on the evening of April 15, 1960 at the home of Dr. Horace F. Pierce of Vista del Mundo Ranch, 3800 block Foothill, Santa Barbara.

The local charge-d'affairs appears to be Dr. Granville F. Knight of 755 Rockbridge Road, Montecito, who is listed in the Society's books as a Council member.

The duties of the Council are stated as three:

- (1) To show the stature and standing of the ~~leadership~~ of the Society;
- (2) To give (the founder, Robert Welch) the benefit of the Council's advice and guidance, both in procedural or organizational matters, and in substantive matters of policy;
- (3) To select, with absolute and final authority, a successor to (R. Welch) as head of the John Birch Society, if and when an accident, "Suicide" or anything sufficiently fatal is arranged for me by the Communists --- or I simply die in bed of old age and a cantankerous disposition.

2. The attendees were approximately two-thirds composed of the type known as "First Families", that is, mature to elderly people whose position in society is relatively secure, either because of money or family or both. The balance, about one third, were of younger persons, who could be described as probable "Comers", that is, young people who will probably attain in later years that position in society now held by the First Families. It was interesting to note that the only "Comers" present, who were identifiable as non-scions of present first families were in positions dealing with mass media communications.^{1/}

It is fair and accurate to say that all the persons present who were engaged in conversation were of the political beliefs inaccurately labeled extreme conservatism, and more accurately describable as historic constitutionalists or republican, as distinguishable from Republican as an existing political party.

3. The objective of this meeting was to hear a three hour presentation, a condensation of a two day presentation, by Mr. Robert Welch of Indianapolis, Indiana, the founder of the John Birch Society, and after the presentation to sell literature describing the works and aims of the Society, and to sign up new members.

The talk by Mr. Welch was excellent, accurate, forceful and, in my estimation, very effective.

^{1/} This may well be a totally unfair and inaccurate analysis. I knew almost no one, and this statement depends upon hearsay as to who was who, and what he did.

Basically, Mr. Welch recites the actual history of the growth of Communism, and extrapolates this background to show the

- (1) present danger to the U. S., and
- (2) the rapidly increasing future danger to the U. S.

Just a few words about the talk:

- a. Mr. Welch's historical data, to the limit of my knowledge, was accurate and exact. He did cite data that I had not previously been aware of, but at least two-thirds of his presented data is capable of being checked in any library.
- b. The added data cited did support a somewhat more alarmed response than that response normal from the common-knowledge data. This added data is certainly capable of being responsibly checked -- perhaps not easily outside of Government intelligence circles, but easily and certainly within such circles. The data is of a nature that denial of its existence by those charged with the safety and security of the National existence of the U.S.A. must be taken as an indication that something is terribly wrong.
- c. Mr. Welch extrapolates from this fact-supported position to the present and future danger of the U.S. He believes--
 - (1) The Soviets will not try to conquer the United States by military means.
 - (2) That the Soviets have a useable, though not preferred plan, to foment civil strife within the U.S. to weaken our country to enable a Communist-lead group to take over the Government from within, that this plan is in operation today and methods and plans for its ultimate implementation exist and that this is indicated by the actions occurring in the civil rights questions and in Communist control of unions absolutely vital to communications and control, and transportation and mobility.
 - (3) That the preferred Soviet plan, also being implemented, is to so control the U.S. from within and without, that the U.S. will no longer be interested in resisting the world wide advances of Communism.

This plan has two modes of implementation:

- (a) Induce gradual surrender of U.S. sovereignty, piece-by-piece, to various international organizations, while the Communists take over those international organizations.
- (b) Convert the U.S.A. into a socialistic nation of similar outlook to that of the USSR in order to lessen the U.S. need to respond to Communistic advances throughout the world.

4. An analysis of the talk by Mr. Welch must conclude:

- A. The talk appears factually accurate, and the data is susceptible of proof.

- B. The extrapolation covering present and future danger to the continued national existence of the United States, in an historic constitutional republican sense, is not unrealistic. It is a far more "alarmed" extrapolation than the published official views of the present administration.^{2/}
- C. Mr. Welch's balancing of the position of Russian military power as an effective weapon of foreign policy is faulty. This in turn leads to a dangerous disregard of the military force threat to the United States
- D. Mr. Welch is apparently a truly dedicate man of impeccable background, and unquestionable patriotism. A well-educated man who has been quite successful in the American business world, he has resigned from most of his business interests, at considerable monetary sacrifice, to conduct a crusade against the threat of enveloping Communism.^{3/}
- E. No reasonable basis appears for differing violently with either the facts or the engendered alarm presented in the talk.
- 5 At the conclusion of the talk several pieces of literature were offered for sale which were reported to make more clear the position of Mr. Welch and of the John Birch Society with respect to the threat to the United States described in the talk and with respect to the aims and objectives of the group's plan to combat this threat.

This literature included:

The Blue Book of the John Birch Society, 181 pgs , copyrighted 1959 by Robert Welch. Publisher undesignated

The John Birch Society Bulletin for February, 1960 by Robert Welch. Publisher undesignated Society address - Belmont 78, Massachusetts.

The Scoreboard, a 4 page reprint from July-August, 1959 American Opinion, with updating footnotes to the present (?), showing the estimates of "Communist Influence as a Percentage of Total Control" of 105 national governments throughout the world. Two examples (11) Britain, 40-60%, and (100) United States, 30-50%.

American Opinion, January, 1959, by Robert Welch, One Hundred Steps to the Truth, a special feature reviewing 100 books setting out facts in detail covering the present and future danger from Communist actions, infiltrations and plans. An order blank on The Book Maker, Box 101, Murray Hill Station, New York 16, New York, is supplied for 96 of the listed books; the other four are Governmental publications.

^{2/} If I must personally choose as to which view of National danger is more accurate, I would choose Mr. Welch's extrapolated view. Furthermore, this view appears to me to represent a SAFER position for U S. policy planning against all danger

^{3/} Born and educated in North Carolina of Baptist early American pioneer Welch stock (1720). Education includes four years University of North Carolina, two years U.S. Naval Academy, and two years Harvard School of Law. Became Vice President, Sales and Advertising of Welch Candy Company, was a member of Board of Directors of the National Association of Manufacturers for seven years, served three years as Regional Vice President NAM, and two years as Chairman, Educational Advisory Committee of NAM. Has served as Director or on Boards of several U S. corporations

American Opinion, March, 1960, by Robert Welch, a reprint of The Life of John Birch (Robert Welch), published by the Henry Regnery Company, Chicago, 1954. The published original reviews of the manuscript of the Life of John Birch include: "This book is a strong publication pointing to the evils of Communism both within and without our Country. It should be read by all Americans who love our Country and want to preserve it." - George E. Stratemeyer, Lt. General, USA, Retired

"I wish your books could be placed in every library in the United States. As a matter of fact, they should be required reading in grade school, high school and college." - Claire Lee Chennault, Major General, U.S.A.F., Retired.

and,

"Amazingly, there were in Washington responsible officials who were willing to suppress news of the murder of an American officer, apparently to prevent the American people from rising in their wrath and vetoing further appeasement of Communism. Not a great deal can be said for the judgment, discretion and reliability of those responsible for suppressing the tragic and revealing story of Capt. John Birch." - Saturday Evening Post Ideitorial, January 22, 1955, based on this book

Why People Become Communists, a 34 page reprint from February, 1958 American Opinion, by the editor of American Opinion (Robert Welch), available from American Opinion, Belmont 78, Massachusetts

This document appears to be an incisive, realistic and pragmatic analysis of some general bases of motivation and motivation-compulsion reaction. It is well worth including as a reference addendum to texts on applied psychology.

An analysis of the general content of this literature strongly supports the same analysis as presented in Section 4. Covering the talk by Mr. Welch -- with one very important and major exception --

That exception covers Mr. Welch's plan to combat the Communist threat as the plan is set out in Sections 4 through 8 of The Blue Book of the John Birch Society.

Mr. Welch proposes to become "The Founder" of the John Birch Society, which Society is to be a monolithic body which will operate under completely authoritative control at all levels^{4/}

Now Mr. Welch discusses briefly and discards as inconsequential the proper fear of tyrannical oppression of individuals by such an authoritarian organization, since he states the Society is to be a voluntary organization. However, it is realistic to point out that

- (1) An organization, voluntary in the first instance and of an authoritarian nature may easily become non-voluntary as regards the rights and liberties of an individual

^{4/} Page 156, the Blue Book of the John Birch Society, and see page 117 where the need for leadership is reputed to authorize the assumption of leadership by one man, who thereafter authorizes force as one of the methods of furthering his own plans, for the group

^{5/} I am sure most "good Germans" of the Weimar Republic agreed with what they understood of Hitler's position when he was named Chancellor in 1933(?), and I expect that Hitler's Brown Shirt organization was a voluntary organization in its ~~beginning~~ or

- (2) The John Birch Society is organized specifically to exert effective influence on the U S political scene, in which case every citizen of the U.S. will be effected to one extent or another by such Society. That the Society should represent one man's views so completely by its organizational structure represents a very real danger to the future liberty of all Americans.²⁷

Now these observations should not be construed as derogation either of Mr. Welch nor of the John Birch Society. They are, in fact, simple observations of a possible danger in any authoritarian organization. Examples of the excesses of authoritarian organizations range from the Holy Roman Church, through innumerable kingdoms, through the dictatorships of our days and include many, many business organizations. It is in this context that all authoritative organizations are suspect -- including the John Birch Society, which has as its avowed aims and slogan "Less Government and More Responsibility".

Now Mr. Welch advances some persuasive arguments as to why the structure of the Society was chosen to be based upon an authoritarian model. These arguments obviously have persuaded many serious minded people -- namely present members of his organization. I will not belabour the point but merely state that in spite of the fact that the aims of the Society seem honorable, and the facts presented indicate a terrifying urgency, and the position of Mr. Welch appears justifiable under certain special circumstances, I am not persuaded that such an organization as Mr. Welch proposes is in turn without danger, though I desire to move in the same general political direction that he and his organization tend toward

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Mr. [redacted]
C. Q. Brady and Company
412 West Sixth Street
Los Angeles 14, California

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

I have received your letter of June 28, 1960,
concerning the John Birch Society and Robert Welch.

While I would like to be of assistance to you,
the function of this Bureau as strictly a fact-gathering agency
does not extend to making evaluations of individuals, publications
or organizations. I am sorry I cannot be of service on
this occasion, and I hope you will not infer either that the files
of the FBI do or do not contain the information you desire.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Bufiles contain no record of [redacted] Los Angeles,
California. Bufiles reflect that the John Birch Society and Robert Welch
are the subject of SAC Letter 60-5 calling to the attention of the Field
this organization, and instructing that any information received concerning
its activities should be promptly furnished the Bureau. It is allegedly
an anti-communist organization having branches in various parts of the
country. Welch has been critical of President Eisenhower and his
administration.

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June 28, 1960

AIR MAIL

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington 25, D. C.

The John Birch Society
and
Robert Welch

Dear Mr. Hoover:

An invitation has been extended to me to join the John Birch Society.

It is my understanding that the purpose of this Society is to fight Communism by becoming better informed on world affairs.

According to what one reads and hears today, there are so many Communistic front organizations that one can never be sure of what he is joining. By joining the wrong organization, a person could help destroy the Government he wishes to protect.

|| Won't you tell me what you know about the John Birch Society and about its founder and present head, Robert Welch.

Your help will be appreciated.

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INFORMATION CONCERNING
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John Birch Society

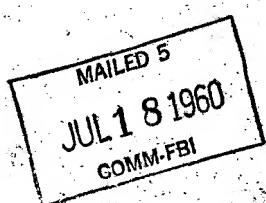
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Mr. [redacted] Eagle River,
Wisconsin, copies of which were designated for your
office with the request that correspondent be interviewed.

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Bufiles fail to indicate receipt of the
results of this interview and you are requested to
furnish the results at once.

In the event this data has been submitted to
the Bureau, furnish the date and caption of your commun-
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[REDACTED]
Pasadena, California

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

Your letter dated July 3, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiry, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not issue clearances or nonclearances.

In view of your interest in the menace of communism to this country, I am enclosing some literature available for general distribution by the FBI which may be of assistance to you.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures (3)

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Mr. [redacted]

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ATTENTION: SAC, LOS ANGELES

Enclosed is a copy of correspondent's communication. Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning the correspondent.

Robert Welch and the John Birch Society have not been the subjects of an investigation by the Bureau. Welch and his organization have been very critical of President Eisenhower and his administration. Information concerning this individual and his organization is contained in SAC Letter 60-5. (62-104401)

The following items of literature were sent to the correspondent:

1. Reprint from "FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin," March, 1960, with Analysis of the 17th National Convention of the Communist Party, USA.
2. "Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality."
3. "God and Country or Communism?"

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent requests the Director's opinion of the John Birch Society and its founder Robert Welch. He states that he is interested in combating communism and desires to have additional information concerning the John Birch Society before joining this organization.

In view of correspondent's interest in communism, it is believed that the above reply and enclosed literature will best serve the interests of the Bureau.

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July 5, 1960

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover, John Birch Society

I would appreciate very much
your opinion of the John Birch
Society, founded by a Robert Welch.
I want to offer my services in the
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be sure of this organization before
joining their group. This may be
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If you would send me a
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most appreciative.

Sincerely,



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PASADENA, CALIFORNIA

July 5, 1960

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover,

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I would appreciate very much your opinion of the John Birch Society, founded by a Robert Welch. I want to offer my services in combating communism and want to be sure of this organization before joining their forces. This may be being super-cautious on my part, but there are so many organizations I want to be certain of their motives.

If you would send me a reply, however brief, I would be most appreciative.

Sincerely,

/s/ [REDACTED]

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104401)

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-59001)

DATE: July 13, 1960

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Re SAC letter 60-5.

Mrs. [redacted]

Newport Beach, California, advised this office by letter dated 7/5/60, that a new chapter of the captioned organization has been recently formed at Anaheim, California, by Mrs. [redacted] Current telephone directory for Orange County shows a listing for [redacted] Anaheim, California.

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Indices of this office reflect a letter written by [redacted] Anaheim, to the Editor, Los Angeles Times, 5/21/60, issue, in which writer deplores infiltration of Communist influences in American society and encourages readers to obtain copy of book written by former Special Agent of FBI, W. CLEON SKOUSEN, "The Naked Communist".

Additionally, [redacted], Panel Source, orally advised 7/6/60, that John Birch Society has 20,000 members currently, on a national basis.

The above is for information of the Bureau.

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104401)

DATE: 7/20/60

FROM : SAC, ATLANTA (100-5857)

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING -
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Re Atlanta letter to Bureau, dated 4/29/60.

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Mr. [redacted]

Macon, Ga., employee Kohlmeyer and Co., lobby, Dempsey Hotel, Macon, on 4/22/60, advised that Mrs. DILLON WINSHIP, formerly ANN CHICHESTER, of Macon, Ga., apparently resides in Atlanta, Ga., and Apt. B-2 who is independently wealthy, had been instrumental in having the John Birch Society formed in Macon, Ga. through [redacted] and his wife, [redacted].

He stated that [redacted] a wealthy industrialist, who gives of his free time and money to the John Birch Society, was present in Macon for the organization of that society on Wednesday, 3/30/60, and was to go to the residence of Mrs. DILLON WINSHIP, and was to hold an organizational meeting of the John Birch Society in Atlanta, Ga., on Thursday, 3/31/60. He stated that Mrs. DILLON WINSHIP is active in the John Birch Society in Atlanta and based on the information he has been able to develop from his friends who are associated with that organization in Macon, he stated that she was instrumental in forming this organization in Atlanta.

He stated he knew of no additional information concerning the Atlanta Organization or chapter of the John Birch Society, and that he had no information that this organization was subversive in nature, or any indication any subversive element had attempted to influence or infiltrate the Atlanta society of the John Birch Society.

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The current Atlanta City Directory reflects that H. DILLON (ANNE C.) WINSHIP is President of the Georgia Highway Express, Inc., and resides at 3770 Peachtree Road, N. E., Apartment B-2.

A review of Atlanta Office indices discloses nothing derogatory on ANNE or H. DILLON WINSHIP.

On 7/11/60, Mrs. [redacted] (source of information), [redacted] Daughters of the American Revolution, [redacted] who resides at [redacted] Atlanta, Ga., advised John Birch Society is a "super-patriot" type group and is on the DAR approved list. She said that she has no knowledge of any subversive influences attempting to infiltrate the John Birch Society.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104401)

DATE: 7/21/60

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-36671)

SUBJECT: ROBERT H. W. WELCH, JR.
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(INTERNAL SECURITY)

Re mylet 7/7/60, captioned as above.

On July 12, 1960, one [redacted] Glenview, Illinois, who identified himself as an employee of "The Saturday Evening Post", contacted this office and advised that organizations known as "Education For American Security Society", "John Birch Society", and "Cardinal ~~Mindzenty~~ Foundation" are holding meetings at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Glenview, having been formed by parishioners with the consent of [redacted]. According to [redacted]

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[redacted] these groups were formed as anti-Communist cells to study and oppose Communism. At a meeting July 11, 1960, discussion of a book by ROBERT WELCH was had and resulted in so much dissension that some members insisted that President EISENHOWER and Vice President NIXON were Communists.

Chicago files contain no additional information concerning the above groups or individuals. The Bureau will be advised of any additional information received.

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Memorandum

TO : Mr. McGuire *gjm*

FROM : W. G. Eames *wge*

SUBJECT: AMERICAN Opinion

DATE: 7/20/60

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The attached 11/19/60, Doc 144 has been received in the Records Branch, appropriately initialed, and indicated for file. By use of instant transmittal memorandum, all necessary recording and indexing will be accomplished. It is to be noted this form is for internal use only within the Records Branch, principally by the Routing Unit where bulky material not accompanied by memorandum is usually received.

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Date: 7/21/60

Transmit the following in _____
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
 FROM: SAC, Charlotte (100-9548)
 JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
 INFORMATION CONCERNING -
 INTERNAL SECURITY

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 DATE 5/4/84 BY [signature]

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Re SAC letter #60-5 dated 1/26/60, Section C, which contains information and Bureau instructions re captioned organization.

On 7/21/60, Mr. ERNEST L. HICKS, N. C. State representative of Mecklenburg Co., Charlotte, N. C., personally appeared at the Charlotte Office, at which time he advised that his purpose in calling at the office was to ascertain if captioned organization was subversive. He went on to state that on the night of 7/20/60, he had attended a meeting of the JOHN BIRCH Society which was held in downtown Charlotte Public Library, and attended by approximately 12 persons. One [redacted] from Sevierville, Tenn., was the main speaker. NC

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Mr. HICKS advised that [redacted] stated that the purpose of the Society was to fight Communism and during the meeting [redacted] advised that they had Chapters of the Society in 30 states and that they desired to obtain one million members. Mr. HICKS stated that [redacted] did not indicate that there were other Chapters of the Society in North Carolina. He further stated that [redacted] criticized the Supreme Court and also government officials in Washington, D. C.

For the additional information of the Bureau, on 7/12/60 Reverend [redacted] N. C., telephonically contacted the office to ascertain if the FBI could furnish him any information as to whether a group or society known as the "JOHN BUNCH Society or Group" was subversive. At that time Reverend [redacted] advised that the JOHN BUNCH Society was supposedly a national organization whose purpose

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was fighting Communism.

Both HICKS and [redacted] were requested to direct their inquiries to the Department of Justice, Attention Subversive Organization Section, Internal Security Division, Washington, D. C., for any information regarding organizations which had been declared subversive by the Attorney General.

Reverend [redacted] indicated he would attend some meetings of the organization and would contact an Agent at which time he would be in a position to furnish additional information re the organization.

No investigation is being conducted other than contact with Reverend [redacted] UACB.

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Taylor, Texas

Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter dated July 16, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiry, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not issue clearances or nonclearances.

In view of your interest in the menace of communism to this country, I am enclosing some literature available for general distribution by the FBI which may be of assistance to you.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures (3)

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Mrs. [redacted]

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ATTENTION: SAC, SAN ANTONIO

Enclosed is a copy of correspondent's communication. Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning the correspondent.

Robert Welch and the John Birch Society have not been the subjects of an investigation by the Bureau. Welch and his organization have been critical of President Eisenhower and his administration. Information concerning this individual and his organization is contained in SAC Letter 60-5. (62-104401)

The following items of literature were sent to the correspondent:

1. Reprint from the "FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin," March, 1960, with An Analysis of the 17th National Convention of the Communist Party, USA.
2. "God and Country or Communism?"
3. "Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality."

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent states she has joined the John Birch Society and asks if the Director approves of this Society and the work it does to combat communism. She states that it is her desire to combat and help stop the growth of communism.

In view of correspondent's interest in communism, it is believed that the above reply and enclosed literature will best serve the interests of the Bureau.

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July 16, 1960

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
F.B.I.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Recently, I have joined a Society, organized for the purpose of fighting communism, called The John Birch Society, organized by Mr. Robert Welch of Belmont, Massachusetts. Do you approve this Society and the work it does to combat communism? I surely don't want to get involved in something that might be in some way aiding communism. And I do want to do what I can to combat and stop the growth of communism.

Will surely appreciate anything, or any information you might be able to give me concerning The John Birch Society.

Thanking you, I am

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Sincerely,

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: July 25, 1960

FROM : SAC, Milwaukee (100-0)

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

**INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)**

John Birch Society

ReBulet 7-18-60, captioned as above, referring to
Bulet of 6-8-60 to Mr. [REDACTED] and requesting results of
interview with Mr. [REDACTED]

On 6-11-60, this office received by routing slip
"for information" a copy of Bulet addressed to Mr. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED], Eagle River, Wis., under date of
6-9-60.

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Effort was made on 7-22-60, to locate Mr. [REDACTED],
but the inquiring Agent was advised by Mr. [REDACTED] wife that
Mr. [REDACTED] was on a fishing trip in northern Michigan.

Milwaukee indices contain no prior information
concerning Mr. [REDACTED] and it has been learned that he is a
part-time real estate agent who is active in Republican Party
matters.

Since correspondent's inquiry of 5-26-60 appears
to have been handled completely by Bulet to him dated 6-9-60,
it is suggested that no further effort be made to contact
Mr. [REDACTED] None will be made, UACB.

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1 - Mr. Farrow

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July 26, 1960

Mrs. [REDACTED]
Post Office Box [REDACTED]
Leesburg, Florida

Dear Mrs. [REDACTED]

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DATE 5/1/11 BY [REDACTED]

Your letter dated July 18, 1960, has been received and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

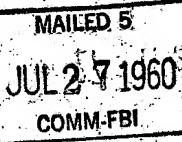
In response to your inquiries, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization.

For your information, the FBI does not prepare or maintain a list of organizations such as you desire. The Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, however, has prepared and released a pamphlet entitled "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," which may be of interest to you. This pamphlet may be obtained for 35 cents per copy by communicating with the Superintendent of Documents, United States Government Printing Office, Corner North Capitol and H Streets, N. W., Washington 25, D. C.

In view of your interest in the menace of communism to this country, I am enclosing some literature available for general distribution by the FBI which may be of assistance to you.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director



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ATTENTION: SAC, JACKSONVILLE

Enclosed is a copy of correspondent's communication. Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning the correspondent.

Robert Welch and the John Birch Society have not been the subjects of an investigation by the Bureau. Welch and his organization have been critical of President Eisenhower and his administration. Information concerning this individual and his organization is contained in SAC Letter 60-5.

The following items of literature were sent to the correspondent:

- (1) "Communist Target - Youth"
- (2) "God and Country or Communism?"
- (3) "Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality"
- (4) A reprint from the Law Enforcement Bulletin dated March, 1960, together with "An Analysis of the 17th National Convention of the Communist Party, USA"

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent requests information concerning Robert Welch and the John Birch Society. In addition, she requests the names of communist-supported organizations.

P. O. Box [redacted]

Lesley, Florida
July 18, 1960

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover;

My husband and I have just finished reading ~~The Blue Book~~ of the John Birch Society and are quite incensed over the facts contained therein and by the extent to which the Communistic forces have taken over our country.

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Our first impulse was to become members of this apparently worthy group, but after refection we thought it would be a good idea to check out this man, Robert Welch, and the record which he and the John Birch Society under his leadership have made.

Only too often patriotic and conscientious people have been "taken" by various organizations which use a high sounding front but whose policies are secretly manipulated by the Communists themselves.

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A.K. we should also appreciate knowing the names of these Communist supported organizations in order to have a clearer picture of whom and what we are fighting.

Very truly yours

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Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, Tampa (100-new-dead)

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
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DATE: 7/26/60

Information has been received to the effect that the captioned society has a chapter in Tampa and that during the past year membership has increased from six to 84. The group is described as an anti-Communist group which was apparently started by Mr. WELCH of the Welch Grape Juice Company.

Tampa indices are negative. It would be appreciated if the Bureau would furnish this office any information it has concerning captioned group.

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Nashville 3, Tennessee

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

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DATE 5/14/04 BY SP/BJM/OL

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NOTE TO SAC, MEMPHIS, CONTINUED:

The John Birch Society and its founder, Robert Welch, have not been the subjects of an investigation by the Bureau. Welch and his organization have been very critical of President Eisenhower and his administration. Information concerning this individual and his organization is contained in SAC Letter 60-5.

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent states that he has been invited to join the John Birch Society. He requests information concerning any "subversive activity or communist influence in this organization."

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CORPORATION OF NEW YORK



NEW YORK, N. Y.

A. L. WILLIAMS, GENERAL AGENTS
1235 STAHLMAN BUILDING
NASHVILLE 3, TENNESSEE

19 July 1960

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Recently I have been approached on joining the John Birch Society, which was presented as a general reform organization with most appealing ideas.

As an individual, there is no way I know of to determine possibilities of subversive influence or communist backing. Therefore I would appreciate your informing me if your organization knows of any subversive activity or communist influence in this organization.



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CORPORATION OF NEW YORK

New York, N. Y.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 7/27/60

FROM : SAC, Charlotte (100-9548)

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING - INTERNAL SECURITY

Re Charlotte airtel 7/21/60.

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N. C., advised SA [redacted] that he had not attended any meetings of the organization which he had previously called the Charlotte Office about but had learned that the group was meeting in the public library in downtown Charlotte. Rev. [redacted] stated that he intended to attend some of the meetings and that if he observed anything of a suspicious nature or received any literature of a questionable nature about the organization, he would contact the Charlotte Office.

Since the organization Rev. [redacted] referred to is apparently identical with John Birch Society which is meeting in the public library in Charlotte, no further action is being taken in this matter by the Charlotte Office but any pertinent information received will be forwarded to the Bureau.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104401)

DATE: 7/29/60
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FROM : SAC, WFO (62-0)

SUBJECT: THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
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ReSAClet No. 60-5, dated 1/26/60.

On 7/28/60, [redacted], former PSI of WFO, advised SA [redacted], that on Tuesday evening 7/26/60, he and his wife were invited to an initial meeting of captioned organization held in the hall of a Catholic Church somewhere on the outskirts of the town of Fairfax, Fairfax County, Virginia. [redacted] does not know the name of the church. Present at the above meeting were about thirty people. [redacted] was invited to attend the function by a friend named [redacted], Arlington, Va.

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The meeting, apparently the first held in the Washington, D. C. area, was for the purpose of introducing the Society, explaining its aims and objectives and forming a new chapter. The activity of instant meeting was under the supervision of a male individual from Tennessee, name unknown to [redacted]. This person displayed three rolls of film which consisted entirely of a speech given by the Society's founder, ROBERT WELCH, a wealthy candy manufacturer. The speech outlined the history of the communist movement starting with the Russian revolution and explained in detail the objectives, dangers and evils of communism. [redacted] stated he was quite impressed with the Society's objectives and thought some good could come of it, provided it did not develop a leadership of extremists. He stated there was no evidence of this at this meeting. He was favorably impressed also by the class of people present at the meeting.

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[redacted] stated that the purpose of the Society as far as he can determine is to alert people through a co-ordinated system of letterwriting directed at the sources

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of "leftist" propaganda and activity. He stated the Society has a monthly magazine in which it sets forth such things as the identity of magazines, news correspondents, and commentators which consistently espouse "leftist" causes. Each chapter of the society during their periodic meetings will choose from the magazine a topic on which to concentrate their campaign.

[redacted] stated it was mentioned during the meeting that plans are being laid to form another chapter of The John Birch Society, in Arlington County, Virginia, sometime in August, 1960. He believes this may be placed under the leadership of [redacted], mentioned previously.

[redacted] stated he filled out an application for membership in the organization, which requires he pay two dollars a month dues. He paid in cash and gave the application to the man from Tennessee. At this time [redacted] was unable to furnish further details on the Society's membership or location in the Washington, D. C. area.

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It was explained to [redacted] that the Bureau is conducting no investigation of The John Birch Society. It is to be noted that [redacted] first approached WFO telephonically on 7/26/60, relative to the Society as he was interested in knowing whether it was a legitimate organization. He was given no information and it was arranged to see him on 7/28/60.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104401)

DATE: 7/29/60

FROM : SAC, KANSAS CITY (80-0-1019)

SUBJECT: ROBERT H. WELCH, JR.
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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DATE 5/14/94 BY [Signature]Re SAC Letter No. 59-13 (F), dated 3/10/59 and
SAC Letter No. 60-5 (C), dated 1/26/60.

On 7/12/60, Mr. [] Wichita, Kansas, advised SA ELMER R. FLETCHER that he had been approached to join the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY by Mr. [] of Wichita. Mr. [] was requested to attend an organization meeting at [] home on 7/19/60. Mr. [] volunteered that Mr. [] a highly regarded citizen and engineer at Boeing Airplane Company, had shown an interest in organization of a chapter of the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY in Wichita. []

Mr. [] advised that [] had supplied a copy of J. EDGAR HOOVER's testimony before the Congress relative to the current convention of the CP USA. Mr. [] desired to know if the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY was connected with the FBI.

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Mr. [] was informed that the FBI had no connection with such an organization and the results of the Director's testimony would no doubt be available to anyone through the U. S. Government Printing Office in Washington, D.C.

Kansas City indices negative concerning []

The above information is being furnished the Bureau in accordance with re SAC letters and no further action is being taken by Kansas City.

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Santa Barbara, California

Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter dated July 23, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiry, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not issue clearances or nonclearances.

I am sure you will understand the necessity for this policy and will not infer that we do or do not have in our files the information you desire.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

1 - Los Angeles (enclosure)

ATTENTION: SAC, LOS ANGELES

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NOTE TO LOS ANGELES, CONTINUED

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent requests information concerning the John Birch Society. She states that she is convinced that this organization is for a good purpose but desires information from the Bureau so as to answer any questions concerning the organization with authority.

SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA

TELEPHONE [redacted]

July 23, 1960

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

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DATE 5/14/89 BY SP6B/JM

John Birch Society

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Last week my husband & I entertained on two different evenings groups of thirty some people for the purpose of showing the Robert Welch film for the "John Birch Society." We hoped we could inform people & help to form one or more new chapters formed.

We are now learning some of those present ask us how we know this Society is what it represents itself to be. Can you give us information? Not that we need it for ourselves but we could then answer people with authority.

Very sincerely yours,

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CORRESPONDENCE
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Santa Barbara, California

Telephone [REDACTED]

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Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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Very sincerely yours,

/s/ [REDACTED]

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DATE 8/14/00 BY SP/SP/JMK

1 - Mr. Farrow

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62-104401-142

July 29, 1960

South Pasadena, California

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter dated July 18, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiry, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not issue clearances or nonclearances. I am, therefore, precluded from furnishing the information you have requested or recommending any course of action to be followed.

I am sure you will understand the necessity for this policy and will not infer that we do or do not have in our files the information you desire.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

1 - Los Angeles (enclosure)

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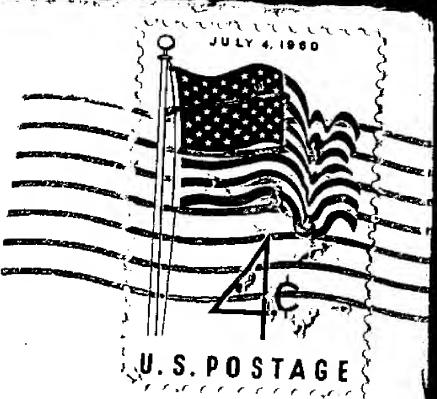
ATTENTION: SAC, LOS ANGELES

Enclosed is a copy of correspondent's communication. Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning the correspondent.

The John Birch Society and its founder, Robert Welch, have not been the subjects of an investigation by the Bureau. Welch and his organization have been very critical of President Eisenhower and his administration. Information concerning this individual and his organization is contained in SAC Letter 60-5. (62-104401)

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent states he is interested in joining the John Birch Society. He desires to know whether or not this Society and the material published by it are "entirely anti-Communist." He states that if the John Birch Society is not anticomunist, he would like the name of an anticomunist club furnished to him.



Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Sirs:

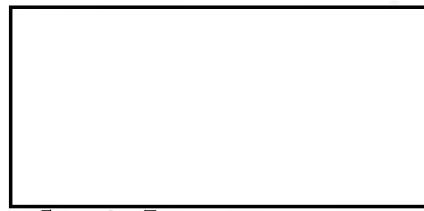
I am interested in joining an anti-Communist organization. The one which I am interested in puts out a book and periodicals. I have read this book, which is called "The Blue Book of the John Birch Society", of which the club is also named. I would like to know if this book and some of the other material which they put out is entirely anti-Communist, which the club asserts. If this club is not anti-Communist I trust that a name of such a club could be forwarded to me. If this information is not available in this department I trust that the name of such could be sent to me.

Thank you for any information that might be sent to me.

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Sincerely

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1 - Mr. Farrow

August 1, 1960

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Playa del Rey, California

Dear Miss

Your letter dated July 21, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiry, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization.

I am sure you will understand the necessity for this policy and will not infer that we do or do not have in our files the information you desire.

The FBI has issued, from time to time, various statements and items of literature concerning the growing menace of communism to this country. I am enclosing some of this material which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

**John Edgar Hoover
FBI Director**

Enclosures (4)

1 - Los Angeles (Enclosure) (See note page two)

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ATTENTION: SAC, LOS ANGELES

Enclosed is a copy of correspondent's communication. Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning the correspondent.

The John Birch Society and its founder, Robert Welch, have not been the subjects of an investigation by the Bureau. Welch and his organization have been very critical of President Eisenhower and his administration. Information concerning this individual and his organization is contained in SAC Letter 60-5.

(62-104401)

The following items of literature were sent to the correspondent:

1. "Communist Target - Youth."
2. "Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality."
3. "God and Country or Communism?"
4. Reprint from the "FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin," March, 1960, with "An Analysis of the 17th National Convention of the Communist Party, USA."

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent has been invited to join the John Birch Society and asks whether or not it is a worthwhile group. She also asks if the Director approves of this society.

21 July 1960

Miss [redacted]

Playa del Rey, California

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Dear Mr. Hoover,

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN
DATE 5/1/74 BY SP/GR/MLA

Having always admired and
respected your capabilities of
handling subversive disturbances as
well as other forms of criminology,
I would like to ask you a question.

A neighbor of mine who is in charge
of our precinct work in the Republican
Campaign wanted me to join a John
Birch club being formed. I went
to see one of the films regarding
the Communist infiltration in
South America and last night
attended a meeting of the club as a
guest and we listened to a tape
recording by Mr. Arnes of the
Un-American activities Committee

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My question is whether or not
this John Birch Organization is a
worthwhile group to help stamp out
Red China and the KKK.

communism in our country &
is impossible (or part of it) a
"front" organization.

I joined the WAC in 1951 and
later was in the WMSC as an occupational
therapy student. I was a Lieutenant
and naturally we had considerable
beliefs on Communist activities then.
Naturally the subject matter and the
dangers we learned about have not
been forgotten in my mind.

Personally, as I listened to the
activities and directions given as
projects for the month at this recent
Bldg. meeting I found myself very
apprehensive of its tactics. It simply
did not appear to be the right approach
to our problem. The other members
all are most sincere in wishing to
stamp out Communism but I would
like to have your advice as to whether
or not you approve of this society.

Yours truly

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TRUE COPY

21 July 1960

Miss [redacted]

Playa del Rey, California

Dear Mr. Hoover,

Having always admired and respected your capabilities of handling subversive disturbances as well as other forms of criminology, I would like to ask you a question. A neighbor of mine who is in charge of our precinct work in the Republican Campaign wanted me to join a John Birch club being formed. I went to see one of the films regarding the Communist infiltration in South America and last night attended a meeting of the club as a guest and we listened to a tape recording by Mr. Arens of the Un-American Activities Committee.

My question is whether or not this John Birch Organization is a worthwhile group to help stamp out communism in our country, or is it possibly (or part of it) a "front" organization.

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I joined the WAC in 1951 and later was in the WMSC as an occupational therapy student. I was a Lieutenant and naturally we had considerable briefings on Communist activities then. Naturally the subject matter and the dangers we learned about have not been forgotten in my mind.

Personally, as I listened to the activities and directions given as projects for the month at this recent Birch meeting I found myself very apprehensive of its tactics. It simply did not appear to be the right approach to our problem. The other members all are most sincere in wishing to stamp out Communism but I would like to have your advice as to whether or not you approve of this society.

Yours truly

/s/ [redacted]

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1 - Mr. Farrow

August 1, 1960

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Mr. [REDACTED]
Lee R. Slaughter Lumber Company
Post Office Box 35301
Dallas 35, Texas

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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DATE 8/1/94 BY [REDACTED]

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

Your letter dated July 22, 1960, has been received.

In response to your inquiry, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. I am, therefore, precluded from furnishing the information you have requested or recommending any course of action to be followed.

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I am enclosing six copies of my statement concerning the 17th National Convention of the Communist Party, USA, pursuant to your request.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (6)

1 - Dallas (enclosure)

ATTENTION: SAC, DALLAS

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Enclosed is a copy of correspondent's communication. Correspondent communicated with the Director by letter dated April 27, 1960, at which time he requested the Director to address the Robert E. Lee Convivium banquet in the early part of 1961. This letter was addressed to the Director by [REDACTED] Dallas Alumni Chapter of the Kappa Alpha Order. It is noted

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NOTE TO DALLAS, CONTINUED

that the Director is a member of this fraternity. The Director by letter dated May 5, 1960, advised [redacted] that he would be unable to accept; however, he designated Inspector William C. Sullivan to represent him.

The John Birch Society and its founder, Robert Welch, have not been the subjects of an investigation by the Bureau. Welch and his organization have been very critical of President Eisenhower and his administration. Information concerning this individual and his organization is contained in SAC Letter 60-5. (62-104401)

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent requests information concerning the John Birch Society and asked the Director as follows: "Do you believe that I can do the most good for my country fighting Communism through this organization or a similar one than I can do on my own." Correspondent requests six copies of the Director's statement concerning the 17th National Convention of the Communist Party, USA. It is noted that in the Director's letter to the correspondent on May 5, 1960, a copy of this pamphlet was furnished to him.

Instant letter on blue letterhead stationery per prior correspondence.

Prior correspondence with correspondent was in connection with fraternal matters. Instant letter does not fall within the same category; therefore, a fraternal salutation is not being used.

LEE R. SLAUGHTER, JR.

LEE R. SLAUGHTER

Lee R. Slaughter
LUMBER Co.

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WHOLESALE
and RETAIL

YARD AND OFFICES -- 5403 MAPLE AVE. -- DALLAS 35, TEXAS -- P. O. BOX 35301

July 22, 1960

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Office of the Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D. C.

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DATE 5/14/94 BY SP/BSB/HM/2

Dear Mr. Hoover:

May I thank you for mailing to me your two recent statements on the subject of communism. I found them to be most interesting and extremely enlightening. I have been passing them around to some of my friends, and they have been very impressed by your comments. In fact, [redacted] who is also a KA wrote to you asking your views on the relationship between Socialism as it is being practiced and promoted in our nation today and the growth of Communism in our nation today. Your views on this subject would be deeply appreciated.

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We are interested in actively fighting the Communist menace in our government and nation. To effectively do this, we feel that we must be properly advised, educated and organized. Though I realize your hands are tied in commenting on some matters, I do hope that you can help us, at least, to some degree.

Some of my friends have joined an organization they believe to be anti-communistic. They have asked me to join, but I have wanted to ask your advice on this matter before doing anything. The name of the organization is "The John Birch Society", Belmont 78, Massachusetts. The founder and leader of this organization is Robert Welch. He was formerly Vice President of Welch Candy Co. of Belmont and Editor of American Opinion Magazine. Do you believe that I can do the most good for my country fighting Communism through this organization or a similar one than I can do on my own. I don't want to join an organization that is actually against the constitution and welfare of the country. I do not know anyone else who can answer these questions, and I hate to sit around talking about the growth of Communism and not doing anything about it. Your comments will be highly beneficial to me and will be held confidential at your request.

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A number of my friends have asked for a copy of your statements on the 17th National Convention of the Communist Party, USA. Would it be too much to ask you for six more copies of this pamphlet. They are helping

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1-Dallas office
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to create interest in the minds of previously disinterested persons.

Your assistance on these matters is gravely needed and will be very sincerely appreciated.

Respectfully yours,

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT DATE 01-23-2013

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

CONFIDENTIAL DATE: 8/1/60

FROM : SAC, PHOENIX (62-795)

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNINGS1774
Classified by [redacted]
Declassify on 6/28/2013

Re SAC Letter 60-5 (C) dated 1/26/60 entitled "ROBERT H. WELCH, JR. - INFORMATION CONCERNING (SECURITY MATTER)".

On 7/18/60 [redacted] Arizona State University, Tempe, Arizona, (protect identity - request) advised that during a conversation with [redacted], Arizona State University, the latter advised that he had been in attendance at a meeting of the JOHN BIRCH CLUB in Phoenix, Arizona, on [redacted]

attendance: [redacted] PRACTICE, 8/1/2

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ATTACHED DOCUMENTS

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The meeting consisted of the playing of several tape recordings. One was a talk by a Major MEYER who had interviewed several of the "turncoats" from China, i.e., those soldiers of the U. S. Army who were prisoners of war in China and remained there after being allowed to return to the U. S. but later changed their minds and returned to the U. S. Another tape recording portended to give some of the plans of the Communist Party and how they intended to take over various countries. The narrator of this tape was some former member of the Communist Party.

According to [redacted] of an airlines official and has traveled all over the world.

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[redacted] a student at Arizona State University, is a crusader-type individual and one who is opposed to radicals.

[redacted] are opposed to communism and at the present time [redacted] is actively engaged in trying to combat communism, especially at Arizona State University. [redacted]

The 1960 Phoenix City Directory reflects that [redacted]

[redacted] Phoenix, Arizona, and [redacted]

[redacted] Phoenix.

The indices of the Phoenix Office contain no identifiable references on [redacted]
[redacted]

On 6/27/60 [redacted] came to the Phoenix Office and furnished some information concerning a lecturer at the Arizona State University summer session which he felt might be favoring the communists in his lecture and film about Red China. [redacted] who is presently an engineering student at Arizona State University, also furnished other information on persons who may be liberal and tend toward communism and he stated that he had invited [redacted] to attend a meeting of a JOHN BIRCH CLUB of which [redacted] was a member. [redacted] pointed out that [redacted] was opposed to communism. From information furnished by [redacted] it appears he is the [redacted] who was mentioned in the Bureau's REYMUR investigation.

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The indices do contain a number of references to [redacted]. Some are where [redacted] has been the source of information furnished to the FBI. In one instance [redacted] reported that [redacted] St. Louis, Missouri, who was in Phoenix as a representative of the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, contacted [redacted] in June, 1955, in an effort to interest him in the SOBELL case, but came away dismayed when [redacted] put communism and fascism in the same category. (S)

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According to the 4/15/60 issue of the "Arizona Republic", a newspaper of general circularization in Phoenix, Arizona, FRANK BROPHY, former president of the Bank of Douglas, Phoenix, reported that JOHN BIRCH CLUBS were planned for Arizona. The paper reported that "John Birch Clubs are dedicated to fighting domestic and international communism". This article also reported that ROBERT WELCH of Massachusetts, founder of the JOHN BIRCH CLUBS, would also be in Phoenix and would address a meeting of Arizonans for America on 4/23/60. BROPHY was stated to be a leading member of the Arizonans for America.

To date there has been no report that any subversive elements are attempting to take over the JOHN BIRCH CLUBS. A number of persons have called recently to inquire whether the JOHN BIRCH CLUBS are actually subversive or whether they are on the Attorney General's list of subversive organizations. FRANK CULLEN BROPHY is rather widely read on communism and has spoken out against communism on many occasions in speeches.

The Bureau will be kept advised of the activities of the JOHN BIRCH CLUBS in the Phoenix area. No investigation, however, will be conducted.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104401)

DATE: 8/3/60

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FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-36671)

SUBJECT: ROBERT H.W. WELCH, Jr.
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

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Remylets 7/7/60 and 7/21/60.

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In the Red Streak edition of the "Chicago Daily News", a daily newspaper, dated July 25, 1960, columnist JACK MABLEY in his column entitled "Jack Mabley's Story" reported on the John Birch Society. In his story MABLEY reported that the John Birch Society is an organization of ultra-conservatives banded together under ROBERT WELCH to fight Communism in America.

He stated that the Society has members in every state and active chapters in half the states, with a goal of one million active members. MABLEY quoted parts of "The Politician" in which President EISENHOWER and his top aides are accused of being a part of a Communist conspiracy to take over this nation.

He also reported that because of the circumstances of WELCH's position and influence, his writings in "The Politician" cannot be dismissed as the work of a crackpot. MABLEY stated that when he telephoned WELCH in Boston and asked about "The Politician", WELCH stated "that cannot be mentioned". When informed by MABLEY that he had read the book and asked if it accurately reflected his views, he declined to comment.

MABLEY noted that there presently are ten active chapters of the John Birch Society in the Chicago area. He stated he has seen the appeal of that Society in his own suburban community (Glenview, Illinois), in that there are four active units in that village and more than 200 persons turned out at a meeting two weeks earlier.

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The Bureau will be advised of any additional information received in this regard.

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1 - Mr. Farrow

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[REDACTED]
Gretna, Louisiana

Dear Mrs. [REDACTED]

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HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 3/1/14 BY SP/BS/H/mk

Your letter postmarked July 25, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiry, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. I am sure you will understand the necessity for this policy and will not infer that we do or do not have in our files the information you desire.

In view of your interest in the menace of communism to this country, I am enclosing some literature available for general distribution by the FBI which may be of assistance to you.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures (6)

1 - New Orleans (See Note) (Enclosure)

Attention: SAC, New Orleans

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[Redacted]
Metairie, Louisiana

July 30, 1960

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

John Birch Society

Please see,

As a Civics teacher, I
have been vitally interested
in Communism and the
role it is playing in
the world and in America
today. My classes were
also greatly interested in
learning more about
Communism, and as a
result, we had many [REDACTED]
long discussions about
it, and also ~~62-104401-141~~
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can do to combat it.
Toward the end of the
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of our government. One
of the events in which
it took part was a letter
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that President Eisenhower
not attend the Summit
Conference. I was
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"of my interest in
current affairs," and
of the "tremendous
influence" I could
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I was very interested
in the group, but
hesitant to join without
knowing more about

it. I enquired among
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Communist "front"
organizations, and I am
quite sure that the
persons issuing the
invitation to me acted
in good faith, but I
would greatly appreciate
your sending me any
information that you
might have regarding
this organization.

Should it really be
an active organization
acting in the better
interests of our citizenship
& I would like very
much to participate.

Should it not be, I
wished not be willing
to be made an auxilie
of enormous expenstion
to school children,
particularly since those
children & teach are of a
very impressionable age,
and far more interested
in current problems
than many people
believe.

Thank you for your
cooperation,

Sincerely,



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Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

[Redacted]
Houston 24, Texas

July 28, 1960

Mr. John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D. C.

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Dear Sir:

I have been invited to join the John Birch Society, Inc., Belmont 78, Massachusetts, which was founded in 1958 by Mr. Robert Welch. This organization has been represented as being opposed to communism and dedicated to fight its spread within our nation.

As there are many subversive organizations masquerading as anti-communist, I would like your approval of this organization before I lend my support to it. I will sincerely appreciate any remarks you care to make regarding its integrity and activities.

(May I extend my kindest personal regards to you and your men for the excellent service you are rendering our country.

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Yours truly

[Redacted]

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[REDACTED]
Gretna, Louisiana
July 20, 1960

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

As a civics teacher, I have been vitally interested in Communism and the role it is playing in the world and in America today. My classes were also greatly interested in learning more about Communism, and as a result, we had many long discussions about it, and about what we as individuals can do to combat it. Toward the end of the last school year I was invited to join a group in Shreveport, Louisiana, where I taught, called the "John Birch Society." I was told that it was a current-affairs, political organization, whose weapon was letters to the various administrators of our government. One of the events in which it took part was a letter writing campaign requesting that President Eisenhower not attend the Summit Conference. I was asked to join because "of my interest in current affairs," and of the "tremendous influence" I could exert.

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I was very interested in the group, but hesitant to join without knowing more about it. I inquired among the other teachers at my school, but no one seemed to have any information other than that which I already had. I feel that perhaps I am being overly suspicious of Communist "front" organizations, and I am quite sure that the person issuing the invitation to me acted in good faith, but I would greatly appreciate your sending me any information that you might have regarding this organization. Should it really be an active organization acting in the better interests of our citizenship I would like very much to participate. Should it not be, I would not be willing to be made an avenue of erroneous information to school children, particularly since those which I teach are of a very impressionable age, and far more interested in current problems than many people believe.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

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EX-104

Houston 24, Texas

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

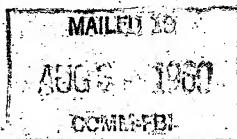
Your letter of July 28, 1960, has been received, and I want to thank you for your best wishes and kind comments.

Although I appreciate your interest in writing, information in the files of the FBI is confidential and available for official use only. For this reason, I am unable to help you, and I hope that you will not infer either that we do or do not have information in our files relating to the organization you mentioned.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director



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NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. The John Birch Society was organized by Robert Welch in December, 1958, at Indianapolis, Indiana. It is allegedly an anticommunist organization with branches over various parts of the country. Welch has been quite critical of President Eisenhower and his Administration. SAC letter 60-5 calls this organization to the attention of the field and instructs them that any information on their activities should be furnished to the Bureau.

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ATTENTION: SAC, NEW ORLEANS, CONTINUED

The John Birch Society and its founder, Robert Welch, have not been the subjects of an investigation by the Bureau. Welch and his organization have been very critical of President Eisenhower and his administration. Information concerning this individual and his organization is contained in SAC Letter 60-5. (62-104401)

The following items of literature were furnished to the correspondent:

- (1) "Communist Target - Youth"
- (2) A reprint from the March, 1960, FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin. "An Analysis of the 17th National Convention of the Communist Party, USA."
- (3) "God and Country or Communism?"
- (4) "How to Beat Communism"
- (5) "Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion"
- (6) "Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality"

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent, a schoolteacher, requests information concerning the John Birch Society. In a rather lengthy letter, correspondent expresses a desire to learn more about the communist menace to this country and it is believed that the literature being furnished to her will be of assistance in this regard.

Mr. Simpson

August 4, 1960

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Gerry's Food Company
P. O. Box 1010
Atlanta, Georgia

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I have received your letter dated July 28, 1960, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

I can well appreciate your concern over the serious menace of communism to this country. Over the years I have expressed my views relative to this matter in numerous articles and speeches as well as in my book, "Masters of Deceit," which was published in 1958. It is imperative that all true Americans learn the nature of this evil conspiracy to enable themselves to effectively resist its influence.

The FBI as you know is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and it is not within our jurisdiction and responsibilities to furnish evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. I am precluded, therefore, from commenting upon the organization you mentioned.

In view of your interest in this matter, I am enclosing some material available for general distribution by the FBI which you may like to read.

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Sincerely yours,

FBI - 70, J. Edgar Hoover
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John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Enclosed is a copy of correspondent's communication. Bufiles contain confidential data concerning correspondent, [redacted] Morris, IL.

The John Birch Society and its founder, Welch, have not been the subject of an investigation by Bureau. Welch and his organization have been vocal of President Eisenhower and his administration. Information concerning this individual and his organization contained in SAC Letter 60-104401 (62-104401)

The following items of literature were sent to correspondent:

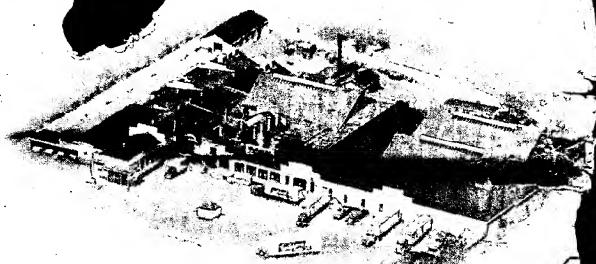
1. "Communist Target - Youth."
2. "How to Beat Communism."
3. "Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion."
4. "Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality."
5. Reprint from "FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin," March, 1960, with Analysis of the 17th National Convention, Communist Party, USA.

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent has read material issued by Robert Welch, head of the John Birch Society, and is alarmed over the progress of communism. He and his friends named above are interested in joining the John Birch Society and in fighting communism. He states he understands that information in our files is confidential but unless he is shown it would be unwise to join this group, he and his friends see no alternative but to join it.

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P. O. BOX 1010
CASTLEBERRY'S FOOD COMPANY AUGUSTA, GEORGIA

July 28, 1960

Mr. John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington 25, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

About two months ago I was given a short monograph to read entitled The Bluebook and authored by a Robert Welch of Belmont, Massachusetts. In this book, which to say the least is very alarming, the events of history since the Bolshevik Revolution are unfurled thus dramatizing the amazing and terrifying progress of international Communist conspiracy during the past forty or so years. Mr. Welch further points out how the communists influenced if not dictated our foreign policy in the Far East both during and after World War II. This book has prompted myself and several of my friends to explore this matter further and when you come to recognize what we regard to be the Communist line, it is almost too fantastic to comprehend.

I suppose deep down in the hearts of all of us we are hoping you will dispell our fears and tell us that the threat of communism is either non-existent or is so impotent as not to be worthy of concern; however, it is obvious to all of us that the international Communist conspiracy is a very serious threat to our security and we want to do something about it!

The only avenue opened to us now is the course of action suggested by Mr. Welch. He offers as a resistance to this conspiracy the John Birch Society which has for its motto: "Less government, more individual responsibility and a better world." This society takes the name of a young Baptist missionary who was murdered by the Chinese Communists (agrarian reformers) approximately twelve days before Japan's surrender. Mr. Welch's political philosophy is that of an ultra-communist and as head of this society he is rather dogmatic in that he asks the members of the society not to deviate from the particular courses of action he prescribes for the chapters in his monthly letters. When a chapter is first organized, the first step is to educate the members as quickly as possible by furnishing both pro-communist and anti-communist literature. Welch will then have the chapter establish a public reading room which will contain only anti-communist literature. From this small beginning, Welch aspires to shake the American public out of their present apathy toward communism.

Ack.

Savannah, Georgia

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July 28, 1960

One of the primary functions is that of writing legislators and other public officials urging a conservative stand on particular matters that he brings to the Society members' attention. I have read several of his bulletins and to date have agreed whole-heartedly with practically everything Welch has said and prescribed. While this is the only method I know of at the present time to fight communism, it is repugnant to me to place blind faith in an individual about whom I know very little. I fully understand that the findings of the Federal Bureau of Investigation with respect to individuals or groups are confidential, but unless we are shown it would be unwise to affiliate with such an organization, we see no alternative but to join Welch's cause.

We are completely swept with the idea of fighting socialism and communism and offer ourselves and any resources we might have to offer toward this end. There are many other friends who have become extremely interested and concerned with this matter but I can only commit the following two individuals in addition to myself at the present time.



(Real Estate Salesman)

Augusta, Georgia

~~W. S. Morris III~~
Augusta Chronicle, Augusta, Ga.

(Publisher of the newspapers in
Augusta and Savannah, Georgia)

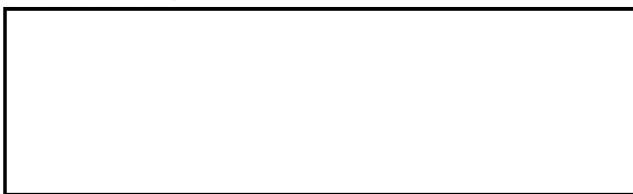
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Myself

of
Castleberry's Food Company,
a meat packing concern)

If I have not already done so, I want to make it clear that we are very anxious to help in the fight against communism in any way we can and needless to say, we are very anxious to hear from you.

Sincerely,



FT/sw

CC: Mr.
Mr. Morris

**INFORMATION CONCERNING
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ReBulets dated 6-8-60 and 7-18-60,
and Milwaukee letter dated 7-25-61.

Referenced Bulet dated 6-8-60 advised
Tuttle that the SAC of the Milwaukee Office was
being instructed to have an Agent contact him in
the near future.

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You are instructed to immediately
contact Mr. [redacted] pursuant to instructions set
forth in referenced Bulets, and furnish the results
to the Bureau by 8-17-60.

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